

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

The People of the State of Illinois

To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage---Greeting:

You are Hereby authorized To join in the Holy Bands of Matrimony and to Celebrate the Rites and Ceremonies of Marriage between Mr. William Sweet and Miss Martha Wright according to the usual custom and laws of the State of Illinois, and you are required to return this License to me within thirty days from the celebration of such Marriage, with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you under the Penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said County,

this 25th day of Feb'y A. D. 1872

J. W. Shuck

County Clerk.

Flynn & Scroggs, Printers and Bookbinders, Urbana, Illinois.

State of Illinois, } ss.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY,

I, J. H. Vangundy, Justice of the Peace, hereby certify that on the 25th day of February 1872, I joined in Marriage Mr. William Sweet with Miss Martha Wright agreeably to the authority given in the above License, and the custom and laws of this State. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of February A. D., 1872.

J. H. Vangundy Seal.
Justice of the Peace

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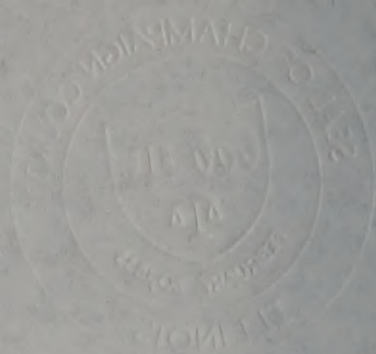
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) ss.

I, DENNIS R. BIRD, duly elected, qualified and acting County Clerk of said County, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Marriage License issued to *William Sweet* and *Martha Wright* on *February 24, 1872*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this *19* day of *January*, A. D. 1872.

by *Dennis R. Bird*
County Clerk
Deputy County Clerk

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Marriage License.

No. 2098

William Sweet

AND

Musko Knight

Issued, July 24th 1872

Married, July 25th 1872

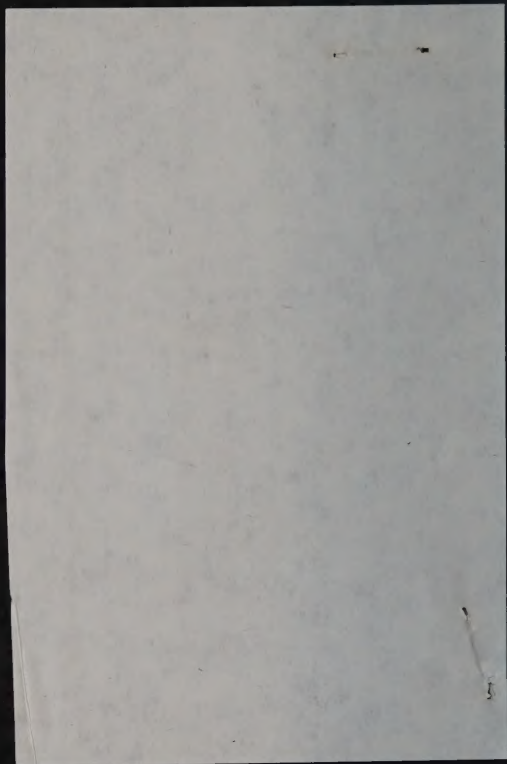
Registered, March 7th 1872

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J. M. Shuck Clerk.

OF BIRTHS.

1. Nationality of Mother. Place of Birth.	Age	1. Full Name of Mother. 2. Maiden Name of Mother. 3. Residence of Mother.	1. Full Name of Father. 2. Occupation.	1. Name and Address of School Teacher. 2. Name and Address of Person Having Certificate. 3. Signed by.
1 German	32	1 Catharina W. Schumacher	1 Wm Schumacher	
2 Holstein Germany		2 Catharina Margaretha Edens 3 Raymond Township	2 Farmer	2 Wm Schumacher
1 American	36	1 Abigail E. Davis	1 Aaron Davis	1
2 Morgan Co. Ohio		2 Abigail E. Crawford 3 Bondville, Ill.	2 Farmer	2 J. M. Hadden 3 do - Seymour, Ill.
1 English	36	1 Mary Longden	1 George Longden	1
2 Lincolnshire England		2 Mary Cooke 3 Bondville, Ill.	2 Farmer	2 J. M. Hadden 3 do Seymour, Ill.
1 American		1 Annie Jones	1 George Jones	1 A. L. Leonard Champaign, Ill.
		2.	2 Farmer	2 do
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1 German		1 Ida Hampel	1 John Hampel	1 A. L. Leonard Champaign, Ill.
2		2	2 Saloonist	2
		3		3
1 American V	19	1 Rachel Alwilda Kerst	1 Franklin Kerst	1 J. B. McCauley Homer, Ill.
2 Warren Co Ind.		2 Rachel Alwilda Kerst 3 Homer, Ill.	2 Farmer	2 do 3 do
1 Irish	43	1 Bridget Bates	1 Michael Bates	1 W. Chaffee Polono, Ill.
2 Ireland		2 Bridget Mulligan 3 Polono, Ill.	2 R.R. Section Land	2 do 3 do
1 American	31	1 Martha J. Sweet	1 William Sweet	1 Jno. H. Gardiner Mahomet, Ill.
2 Ohio		2 Martha J. Wright 3 Newcomb Sp. Ill.	2 Farmer	2 do 3 do
1 American	26	1 Archissa Darrah	1 Thomas Orr Darrah	1 A. J. Darrah Polono, Ill.
2 Ohio		2 Archissa Nelson	2 Farmer	2 do 3 do
		3		3
1 American	38	1 Mary Anna Davis	1 John Walker Davis	1 Wm Fulton Mahomet, Ill.
2 Pickaway Co Ohio		2 Mary Anna Norris 3 Mahomet, Ill.	2 Wagon Maker	2 do 3 do
1 American	42	1 Lydia Anne Kieffer	1 Peter Kieffer	1 do
2 Indiana		2 Lydia Ann Clark 3 Mahomet, Ill.	2 Farmer	2 do 3 do



No.	Date of Birth.	1. Name of Child. 2. Sex. 3. No. of Child of this Mother.	Race or Color.	1. Date of Birth. 2. Place of Birth.	1. Nationality of Father. 2. Place of Birth.	Age.	1. Nationality of Mother. 2. Place of Birth.	Age.	1. Full Name of Mother. 2. Maiden Name of Mother. 3. Residence of Mother.	1. Full Name of Father. 2. Occupation.	1. Name and Address of Medical Attendant. 2. Name and Address of Person Making Certificate. 3. Signed by.
287	1878 May 6"	Johann Wilhelm Schumacher Male 5 th	White	May 1 st 1878 Raymond Sp.	German Holstein Germany	32	German Holstein Germany	32	Catharina W. Schumacher Catharina Margaretha Edens Raymond Township	W. Schumacher Farmer	W. Schumacher
288	May 4"	Hattie Rosella Davis Female 8 th	White	April 12 th 1878 Bondville, Ill.	American Perry Co. Ohio	39	American Ohio	36	Abigail E. Davis Abigail E. Crawford Bondville, Ill.	Aaron Davis Farmer	J. M. Hadden do - Seymour, Ill.
289	May 6"	Isaac Hightingale Longden Male 2 nd	White	May 6 th 1878 Bondville, Ill.	English Derbyshire England	37	English Lincolnshire England	36	Mary Longden Mary Cooke Bondville, Ill.	George Longden Farmer	J. M. Hadden do - Seymour, Ill.
290	April 1 st	Jones Female 2 nd	White	May 1 st 1878	American		American		Annie Jones	George Jones Farmer	A. L. Leonard Champaign, Ill. do
291	May 5"	Ida W. Kampel Female	White	May 5 th 1878 Champaign, Ill.	German		German		Ida Kampel	John Kampel Saloonist	A. L. Leonard Champaign, Ill.
292	May 9"	James Willis Kerst Male 1 st	White	April 14 th 1878 Komer Sp. Ill.	American Birks Co. Penn.	28	American Penn.	19	Rachel Alwilda Kerst Rachel Alwilda Handy Komer, Ill.	Franklin Kerst Farmer	J. B. McLawer Komer, Ill. do
293	May 7"	Owen Bates Male 10 th	White	May 7 th 1878 Tolono, Ill.	Irish Ireland	43	Irish Ireland	43	Bridget Bates Bridget Mulligan Tolono, Ill.	Michael Bates K.R. Section Land	W. Chaffee Tolono, Ill. do
294	May 9"	Laura Catharine Sweet Female 5 th	White	May 8 th 1878 Newcomb Sp. Ill.	American Kentucky	30	American Ohio	31	Martha J. Sweet Martha J. Wright Newcomb Sp. Ill.	William Sweet Farmer	Jno. H. Gardiner Mahomet, Ill. do
295	May 1"	Darrah Male 2 nd	White	April 8 th 1878 Preston, Ill.	American Ohio	40	American Ohio	26	Archisa Darrah Archisa Nelson	Thomas Orr Darrah Farmer	A. J. Darrah Tolono, Ill. do
296	May 1"	Mary Anna Davis Female 11 th	White	April 15 th 1878 Mahomet, Ill.	American Kentucky	68	American Ohio	38	Mary Anna Davis Mary Anna Norris Mahomet, Ill.	John Walker Davis Wagon Maker	Wm. Fulton Mahomet, Ill. do
297	May 10"	Mattie Paula Kieffer Female 5 th	White	April 22 nd 1878 Mahomet Sp. Ill.	German Luxemborg, Germany	45	American Indiana	42	Lydia Anne Kieffer Lydia Ann Clark Mahomet, Ill.	Peter Kieffer Farmer	do

No.	Date of Return.	1. Name of Child. 2. Sex. 3. No. of Child of this Mother.	Race or Color.	1. Date of Birth. 2. Place of Birth.	1. Nationality of Father. 2. Place of Birth.	Age.
287	1878 May 6"	1. Johann Wilhelm Schumacher 2. Male 3. 5 th	White	1. May 1 st 1878 2. Raymond Sp.	1. German 2. Holstein Germany	32
288	May 4"	1. Hattie Roseblla Davis 2. Female 3. 8 th	White	1. April 12 th 1878 2. Bondville, Ill.	1. American 2. Perry Co Ohio	39
289	May 6"	1. Vincent Nightingale Longden 2. Male 3. 2 nd	White W. - 7 149 - 140	1. May 6 th 1878 2. Bondville, Ill.	1. English 2. Derbyshire England	37
290	April 1 st	1. Jones 2. Female 3. 2 nd	White	1. Mch 1 st 1878 2.	1. American 2.	
291	May 5"	1. Ida W. Kample 2. Female 3.	White	1. May 5 th 1878 2. Champaign, Ill.	1. German 2.	
292	May 9"	1. James Willis Kersh 2. Male 3. 1 st	White	1. April 14 th 1878 2. Homer Sp. Ill.	1. American 2. Birks Co. Penn.	28.
293	May 7"	1. Owen Bates 2. Male 3. 10 th	White	1. May 7 th 1878 2. Tolono, Ill.	1. Irish 2. Ireland	43
294	May 9"	1. Laura Catharine Sweet 2. Female 3. 5 th	White	1. May 8 th 1878 2. Newcomb Sp. Ill.	1. American 2. Kentucky	30
295	May 1"	1. Darrah 2. Male 3. 2 nd	White	1. April 8 th 1878 2. Crestum, Ill.	1. American 2. Ohio	40
296	May 1"	1. Mary Anna Davis 2. Female 3. 11 th	White	1. April 15 th 1878 2. Mahomet, Ill.	1. American 2. Kentucky	68
297	May 10"	1. Mattie Pola Kieffer 2. Female 3. 5 th	White	1. April 22 nd 1878 2. Mahomet Sp. Ill.	1. German 2. Luxemborg, Germany	45

Jonathan Wright

Born 18 Jun 1681 #16

Marr 26 Mar 1706

Died Jul 1740

Ann "Hannah" Hand

Born 10 Jul 1683 #17

Josiah Wright

Born 19 Sep 1714 #8

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Marr 15 May 1735

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Died 22 Feb 1799

Arlington, Bennington, Vermont

Abigail Boardman

Born 03 Sep 1717 #9

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Died 16 Feb 1795

Williamstown, Massachusetts

Samuel Boardman

Born 07 Jul 1668 #18

Marr 05 Nov 1696

Died 06 Sep 1732

Mehitable Cadwell

#19

David Lamson

Born 01 May 1703 #20

Elizabeth

Born ca1702 #21

William Virgin

Born 23 Jan 1697/8 #22

Marr 10 Mar 1719/20

Died 25 May 1782

Abigail Lamson

Born 15 Aug 1697 #23

Died 24 Apr 1779

Justus Wright

Born 10 Jan 1752 #4

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Marr ca1775

Mercy Lamson

Born 25 Jan 1758 #5

Warren (Western), Massachusetts

Soloman Lamson

Born 02 Apr 1737 #10

Concord, Massachusetts

Marr 04 Sep 1757

Warren (Western), Massachusetts

Lois Virgin

Born 1741 #11

Massachusetts

Truman Wright

Born 16 May 1782 #2

Williamstown, Massachusetts

Died 10 Feb 1865

Piatt County, Illinois

FATHER OF
MARSHA**Anna Wright**

Born 1824 #1

New York

Marr 07 Mar 1844

Pickaway County, Ohio

Died 10 Sep 1870

Piatt County, Illinois

Spouse: Peleg R. Coffin

Effelecta/Electa

Born 16 Nov 1785 #3

Connecticut

Died 07 Apr 1859

Piatt County, Illinois

Joseph Wright

Born ca1639 #2
Essex, England
Marr 10 Dec 1663
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Died 17 Dec 1714
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Nathan Wright

Born 18 Jun 1681 #1
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Marr 26 Mar 1706
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Died Jul 1740
Newington, Connecticut
Spouse: Ann "Hannah" Hand

Mary Stoddard

Born 12 Mar 1643/44 #3
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Died 23 Aug 1683
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Thomas Wright

#4
Marr 10 Aug 1629
South Weald, Essex, England
Died 21 Apr 1670
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Mary Cranbroke

Born 21 Sep 1609 #5
Cranbroke, Kent, England
Died ca1636
Probably Massachusetts

John Stoddard

Born ca1620 #6
England
Died Dec 1664
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Mary Foote

#7

John Wright

Born 03 Sep 1577 #8
Kelvesdon, Essex, England
Marr 05 Nov 1600
Kelvedon, Essex, England
Died 30 May 1640
Degenham, Essex, England

Grace Glasscock

#9
bur. 24 Jul 1653
Essex, England

William C. Cranbroke

#10

Mabel

#11

Nathaniel Foote

#14
Died 28 Jul 1683

Elizabeth Deming

#15

Thomas Wright

Born 1546 #16
Marr 25 Apr 1568
Died Nov 1603

Roberdyke Pake

Born 1547 #17
Died 17 Nov 1603

Henry Glasscock

Born 1547-1550 #18
Marr 1576
Died 1606

Grace Ennew

Born ca1552 #19

Robert Foote

Born ca1553 #28

Joan Brooke

Born 18 Jun 1554 #29

Henry Wright

Born ca1424

#16

Rev. John Wright

Born 1450

#8

Dagenham, Essex, England

Died 09 May 1509

Essex, England

Anna Whitebread

d/o Thomas

#17

Sir John Wright

Born ca1488

#4

Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, England

Marr 09 Aug 1508

South Weald Church, England

Died 05 Oct 1551

England

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#9

Robert Wright

Born 1516

#2

Marr 10 Sep 1541

Kelvedon, Essex, England

Died Jan 1586/87

Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, England

Samuel Hubbard

Born ca1466

#10

Dagenham, Essex, England

Marr ca1485

Dagenham, Essex, England

Olive Hubbard

Born ca1486

#5

Dagenham Hall, England

Died Oct 1560

Kelvedon, Essex, England

Katharine Wright

Born ca1469

#11

Dagenham, Essex, England

Thomas Wright

Born 1546

#1

Brook Hall, South, England

Marr 25 Apr 1568

Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, England

Died Nov 1603

Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, England

Spouse: Roberdyke Pake

Robert Green

#6

Mary Greene

Born 24 Nov 1519

#3

Navestock, Essex, England

Died aft 17 Jan 1587

Brook Hall, South, England

Robert Wright

Born 1215
Mar 10 Sep 1541
Kilveston, Essex, England
Died Jan 1580/87
Kilveston Hatch, Essex, England

Oliver Hubbard

Born ca 1450
Essex, England
Died Oct 1500
Kilveston, Essex, England

Samuel Hubbard

Born ca 1450
Essex, England
Died ca 1485
Essex, England

Katherine Wright

Born ca 1450
Essex, England

Robert Green

Born ca 1450

Thomas Wright

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John Hand

Born 1611 #4
Died 1660

Joseph Hand

#2

Marr 1664
Died Jan 1724

Alice Stanborough

#5

n "Hannah" Hand

Born 10 Jul 1683 #1
Guilford, New, Connecticut
Marr 26 Mar 1706
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Spouse: Jonathan Wright

Benjamin Wright

#6

Jane Wright

#3

Died Dec 1724

Jane Meigs

Born 1617 #7
Hesketh, Lancaster, England
Died 26 Oct 1684
Killingworth, Connecticut

Vincent Meigs

Born 1583 #14
Dorsetshire, England
Died 01 Dec 1658
Hammonasset, Connecticut

Emma Stronge

Born ca1580 #15
Chardstock, Devonshire, England



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Henry
Belmore
Dickerson



Oak Grove United Brethren Church
So. of Dewey, Ill.

Sweet's attended this church

Their children are buried here.

Fourteen Mahomet Men Watched The Village Grow; All Over 80, They Recall Interesting Events

BY EDITH WEGENG

MAHOMET, Nov. 23—"Age is no menace for the man who loves to live."

And there are 14 men at Mahomet who have lived long and loved it. Most of them are natives of the village and have stayed right here all their lives. All of them are now more than 80 years old.

These octogenarians were here when Mahomet was known as Midletown—called that because it was halfway between Bloomington and Danville. They recall when the name was changed to Mahomet—because there was another Midletown in Illinois.

They remember the old mill on the Sangamon river east of the village, and the "Nine Gal Tavern" where Abe Lincoln frequently stopped on his trips through this part of the state.

Maybe these are insignificant changes to the casual observer but they are history to these men who have watched the old home town "settle-up" and have seen the people grow up.

The oldest among this group of "oldsters" is "Jake" Pittman.

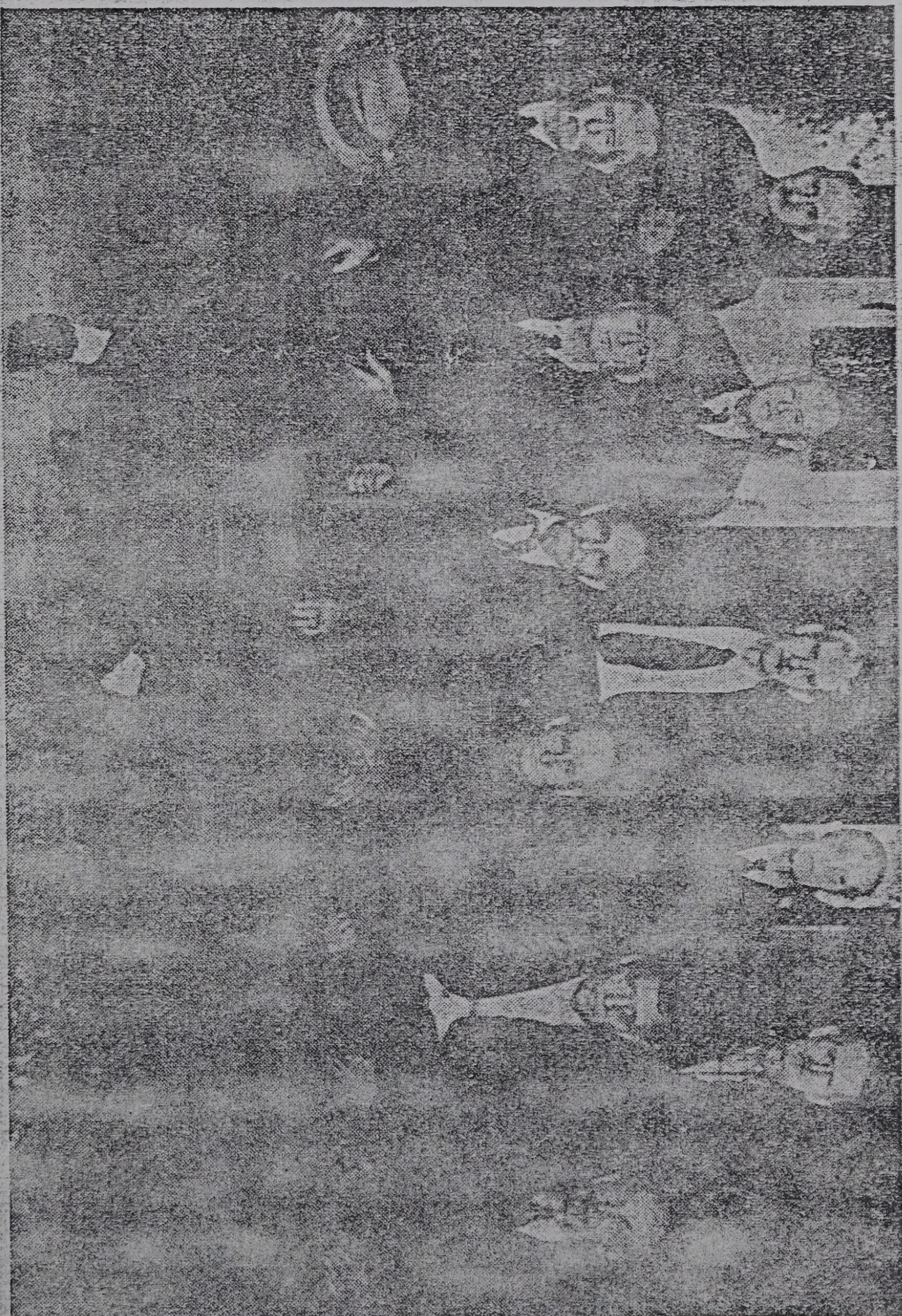
He is 85 and was born April 29, 1854, in Dayton, O., came to Mahomet at the age of 3 and has lived here since.

He married Mary Abbott in 1879. She is 84. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last winter.

Mr. Pittman was a successful farmer and retired to the village of Mahomet in 1905. He is very active—walks "up town" several times a day—cares for a cow, pigs and chickens—and says "work keeps him young."

Henry Philmore Dickerson, 85,

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Pioneer Residents of Cham-
paign, 1893. (Photo below)
Top row, John Kreuger,

George Kimball, Dr. H. C.
Howard, Curtin F. Columbia,
Martin Hülbert, Francis T.

Walker, Nicholas Morgan; bot-
tom row, Patrick Boyle, Joshua
Dickerson, Chalmers M. Sherry,

H. Jefferson, Amos S. Scott,
Frank Donley, Nathan Rankin.

Frank Dickerson Oad

BEARDS, MUSTACHES AND GOLD WATCH
CHAINS WERE STANDARD EQUIPMENT FOR THE WELL-
DRESSED MAN OF 1893! SHOWN HERE ARE A GROUP OF
PIONEER RESIDENTS OF CHAMPAIGN "WATCHING THE BIRDIE."
TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT - JOHN KRUEGER, GEORGE KIMBALL, DR. H.C. HOWARD,
CURTIN F. COLUMBIA, MARTIN MULBERT, FRANCIS T. WALKER, NICHOLAS MORGAN,
BOTTOM ROW - PATRICK BOYLE, JOSHUA DICKERSON, CHALMERS M. SHERFY,
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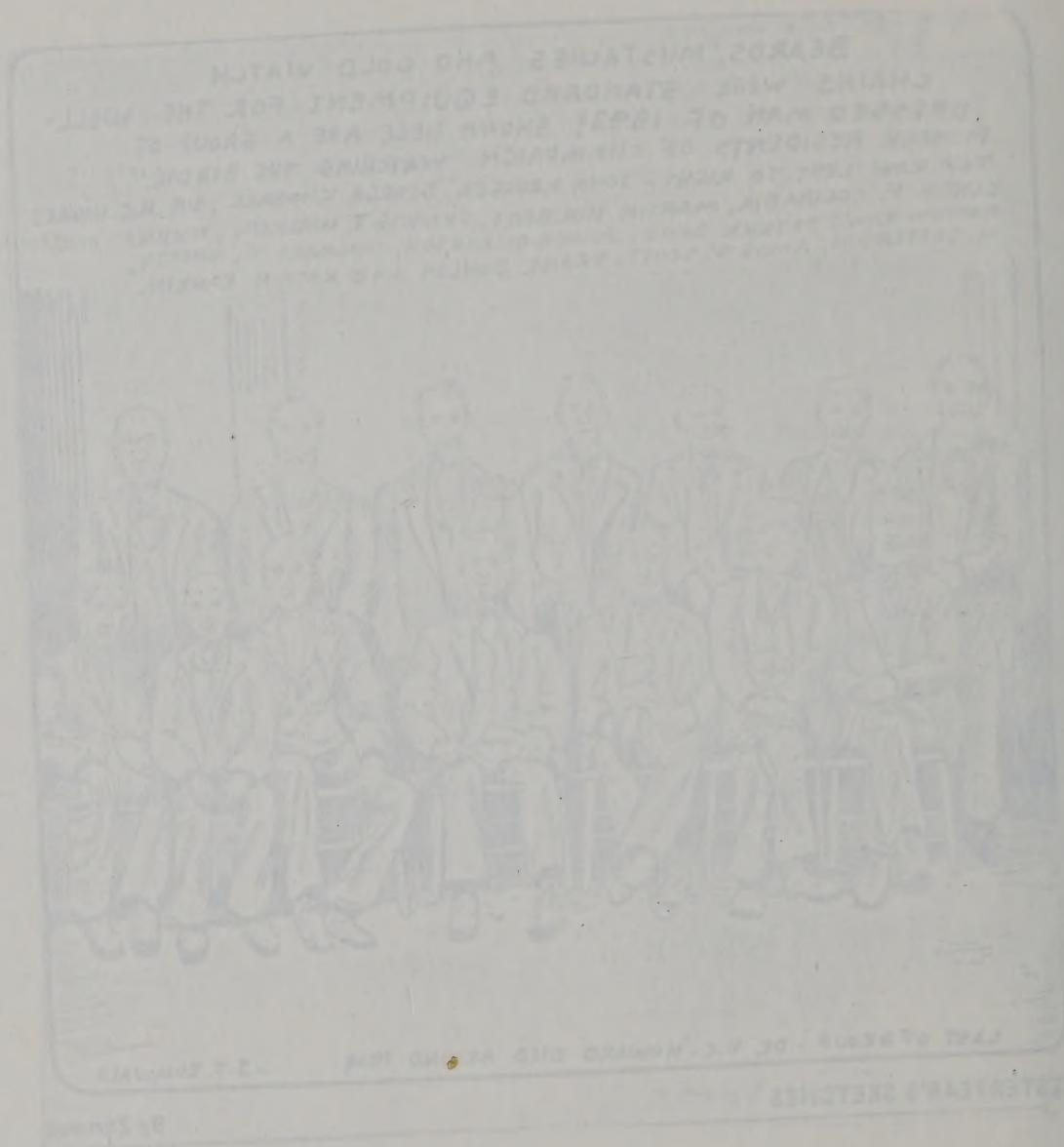


LAST OF GROUP - DR. H.C. HOWARD DIED AROUND 1914

- J.F. ZUMWALT

ESTERYEAR'S SKETCHES

By Zumwalt



Petition of Martha J. Sweet
In the matter of the Estate of Wm Sweet
deceased, for Letters of Administration

To the Hon. CC Staley Judge of the County Court
of Champaign County, in the State of Illinois.

The petition of the undersigned, Martha J. Sweet
respectfully represents that Wm Sweet late of the
County of Champaign aforesaid, departed this life at
in said County, on or about the 14th day of March,
A. D. 1894, leaving no last will and testament as far as your petitioners know or believe.

And this Petition further shows that the said Wm Sweet
died, seized and possessed of Real and Personal Estate, consisting chiefly of Household
+ Kitchen furniture of the value of Fifty
+ Real Estate

+ Real
all of said personal estate being estimated to be worth about three hundred &
fifty dollars. That said deceased left surviving him

Martha J. Sweet his widow, and Francis M. Sweet
Mary O Sweet Reese Sweet Mattie Sweet
who died since the death of Wm Sweet
his children, as heirs. That your petitioner (being widow

of said deceased, and) believing that the said estate should be immediately administered, as
well for the proper management of said Estate

as for the prompt collection of the assets, by virtue of her right under the Statute
therefore pray that your honor will grant Letters of Administration to J T Hildreth
in the premises, upon his taking the oath prescribed by the Statute, and entering into bond in
such sum, and with securities, as may be approved by your honor.

Martha J. Sweet

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the facts averred in the above petition are true, according to the best of
h knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn and Subscribed before me,

Clerk of the County Court of Champaign County,

this 20 day of

Sept A. D. 1892

J M McCullough CLERK.

Martha J. Sweet

CONTRA.

ask to be credited with the following payments to Creditors of Deceased, as per vouchers herewith submitted:

Date.	ITEMS PAID OUT.	Amount.	Total Am't. Dollars.	Cts.
1893 Mar 27	Paid Widow Martha Street Paid Cash To Bank	132 ⁰⁰ 250 <u>\$ 382⁰⁰</u>		

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Champaign County, } ss.

To the Judge of the County Court

of

County, *April 5*

Term, A. D. 189*3*

The undersigned,

J. H. Hildreth

of

Wm. Smith

deceased, would

respectfully submit to the Court the following report of his acts and doings as such

from

Book of Lewis to

April 3, 1893

charge

with the following, to-wit:

Date.	ITEMS OF RECEIPTS.	Amount.	Total Am't.	
			Dollars.	Cts.
	To cash on hand at date of death	<i>none</i>		
	To notes and accounts inventoried	<i>none</i>		
	To amount of appraisement		<i>132</i>	<i>0</i>
	To excess of sale of Personal Property	<i>none</i>		
	To balance on hand at last report	<i>none</i>		
	<i>Cash rec'd from Sale of Real Estate</i>		<i>350</i>	<i>00</i>

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OBITUARY

Martha Jane Wright, daughter of Truman and Elizabeth Wright was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, March 9, 1847.

She was united in marriage to William Sweet, February 23, 1872. This union was blessed with eight children; all having preceded the mother in death except one daughter, Mrs. D. S. Coffin of this place.

Mr. Sweet passed on to his reward March 17, 1885. The circle of grandchildren was also broken when little Eldon Sweet and Wayne Coffin answered the Heavenly Father's call to come home to rest.

The surviving grandchildren are: Willis, Wilbur, Willis, Clifford, Augusta, Lavilla, Alene, Walter, Wilson and Doris Coffin of Mahomet, and Mrs. Bernice Irle, of Everett, Mrs. Olive Martin, of Urbana, Mrs. Clara Allen, of Mahomet, and Francis Marian Sweet of Urbana.

Mrs. Sweet was united in marriage to Mr. Henry F. Dickerson, April 7, 1892. Mr. Dickerson still survives.

Mrs. Dickerson united with the United Brethren Church at Oak Grove in 1886. Later she joined the Baptist Church of Mahomet and was an active member until ill health prevented her. She answered the call to rest at 6:45, p. m., December 22, 1923.

The funeral was held from the Baptist Church at 11:00 o'clock, Monday morning. Rev. B. R. Hutto, the pastor, having charge of the service. A quartette composed of Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Earchus Irle, Rev. Hutto and Mr. Earl Allen sang. Interment was made in the village cemetery.

Martha Jane Wright Sweet
Dickerson

MAHOMET SUCKER STATE
December 27, 1923



Oliver Sweet
Son of W & M.J.
Died 7 Jul 1877
Aged 25 das



Truman E & William F.
Sons of W & M.J. Sweet
Truman died Mar. 31, 1877
aged 3 yrs 26 das
William died Mar. 20, 1876
aged 7 das

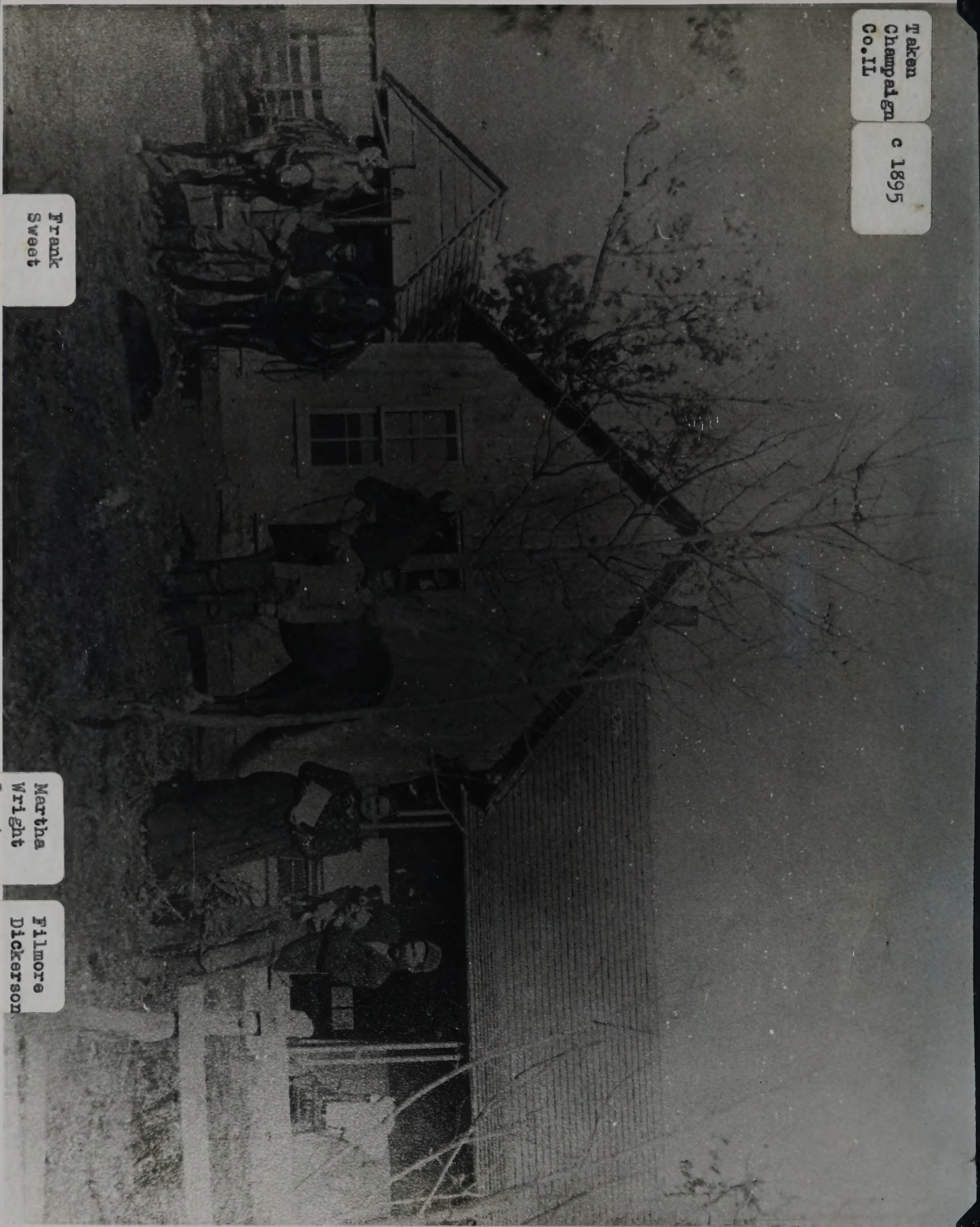
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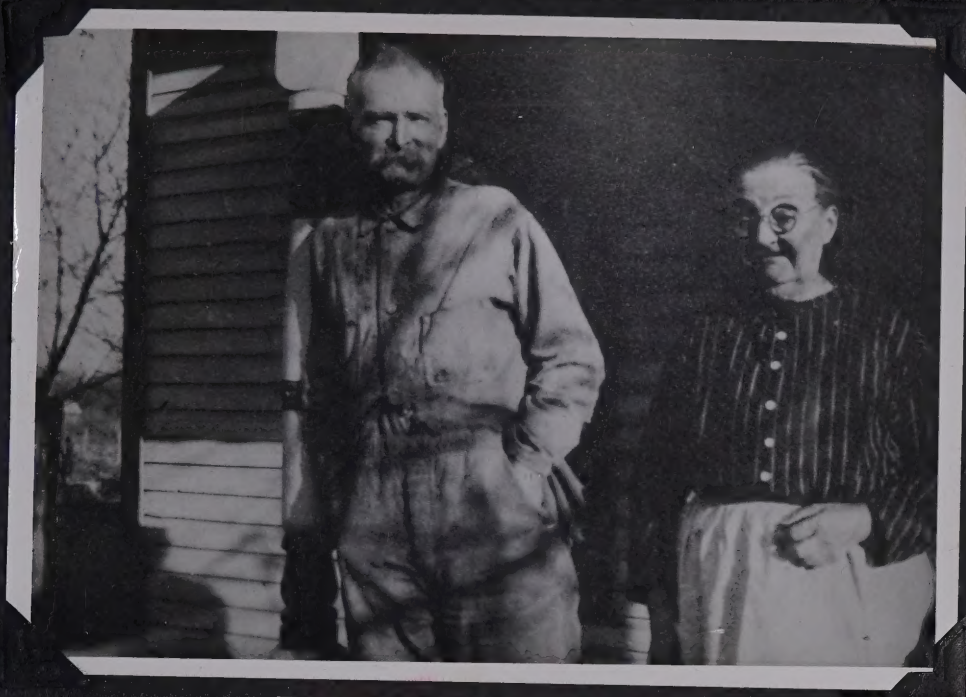
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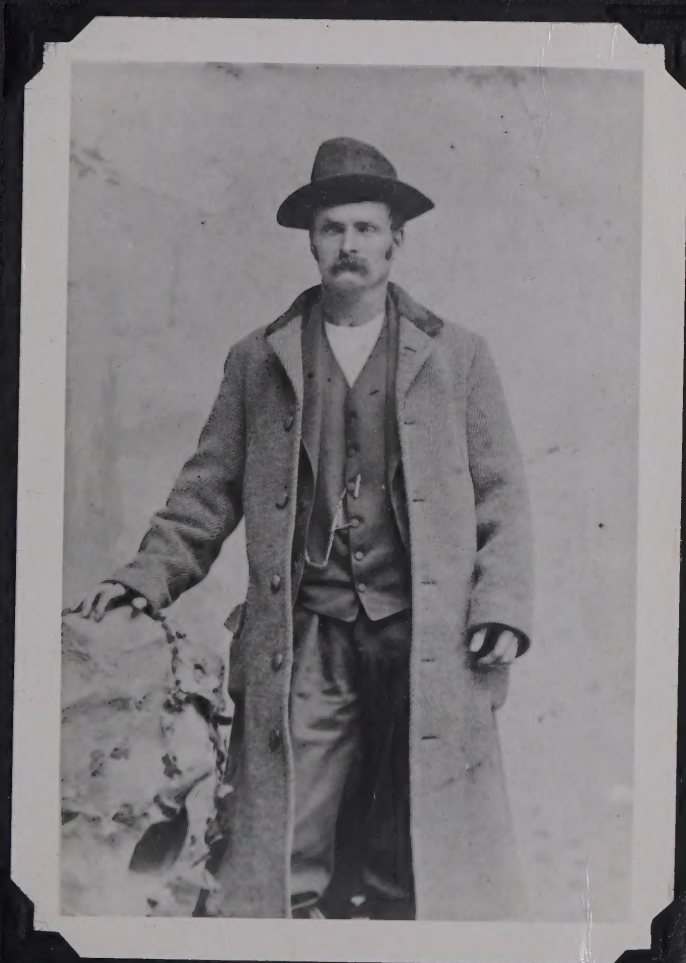
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WARRANTAGE
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

TO ANY PERSON legally authorized to solemnize Marriage

CEREMONY
MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Henry F. Dickerson of Cook County and State of Illinois
in the County of Cook and State of Illinois
of the age of 38 years and
Mrs. Martha J. and David of Duane County and State of Illinois
in the County of Duane and State of Illinois
of the age of 38 years

Witness James McCallum County Clerk
and the seal of said County at his Office in Alton a a
County this 1 day of April A.D. 1893.

James McCallum County Clerk

State of Illinois
Champaign County

J. W. & Bennett

Notices of the Peace
wherein that the County of Champaign
was united in Marriage by me, at
the County of Champaign
this 1 day of April A.D. 1893.
J. W. & Bennett,
and that of Illinois in the Decent

Qualification of the Peace,
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CONNIE BACK

Madison Twp. Trustee

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!!

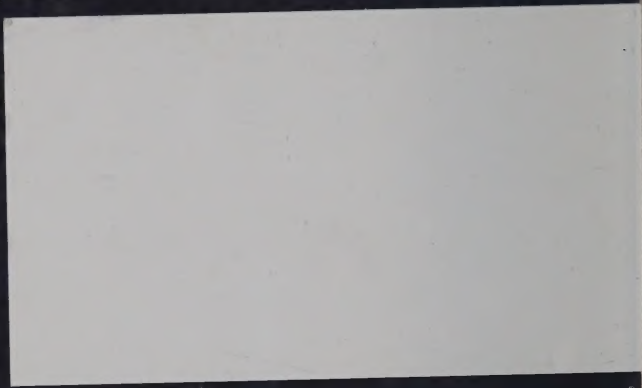
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Connie Back for Madison Twp. Trustee - Joseph Back / Treasurer





Ray & Bernice Lee
26 Aug 1920



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Rosa Dale



Oliver Sweet Clara Sweet
1905



Oliver Mabel Clara
Sweet Belle Sweet



Francis Marion Sweet



Frances
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Roy
Glee

Minnie
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Minnie Grog - Bernice Glee - Olive Martin - Clara Allen
Frances Sweet - Minnie Grog



Bernice, Minnie, Clara, Frances, Olive



Sweet Family

Berniece, Francis, Mimmie
Olive, Clara, Frances (in
front)

Taken about 1921/22

Cousin Bill

Papa

Uncle Sol

Cousin Willis



Bill Coffin Frank Sweet Sol
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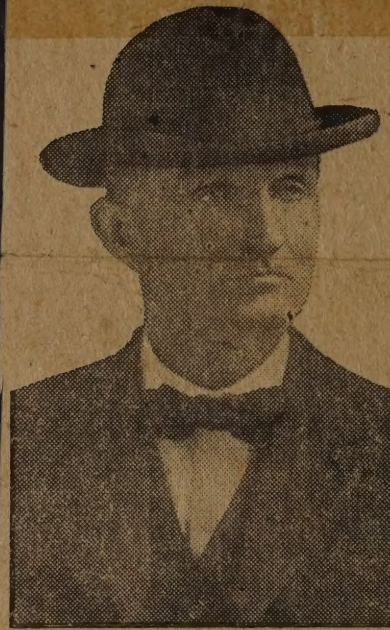
A gloom was cast over the community Thursday evening, when news spread that Col. F. M. Sweet had been found dead under his tractor, where he had been plowing for corn. Miss Cecil Cook was driving to town that evening and noticed the appearance of an accident, she immediately went into the field and found him fastened beneath the tractor. Men were called and removed him. The decision of the Coroner's jury was "death caused from being crushed by tractor". The following obituary was read at the funeral services:

Francis Marion Sweet, eldest child, and son of William and Martha Jane Sweet was born on the Dighton farm, south of Seymour, on December 12, 1872 and departed this life May 18, 1922 at his home on the Kilgore place in north east part of town.

On December 27, 1896 he was united in marriage with Minnie Alice Bennett of Farmer City. To this union was born five children, four of whom are living. Their only son, Eldon Wayne, aged three and one half years, preceded his father in death, on January 24, 1912.

In early manhood Mr. Sweet united with the United Brethern church at Oak Grove, transferring his membership to the Baptist church of this place during the revival meeting held by the Rev. Sam Kirkland in 1910. Several years ago he was elected to the office of trustee of this church, serving in that capacity up until the time of his death, filling the office acceptably, and well.

For many years he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship and with the Court of Honor. He was also a member of the Auctioneer's union. During his life he was engaged in farming, and also followed the profession of auctioneer, being widely and very favorably known in that line of business.



Mr Sweet is survived by his aged mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Dickerson, one sister, Mrs. S. D. Coffin, his beloved wife, and four daughters, Mrs. Roy Irle of Leverette, Olive Clara, and the youngest who bears his name, Frances Marian, besides many other relatives and friends.

The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord,

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church conducted by Rev. L. V. Edwards, former pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Burrell Hutto. It was one of the most largely attended funerals held in Mahomet. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Misses Faye Johnston and Pearl Smith, Messrs Allen and Dale DeHart. Charles Purnell sang a solo. Burial was made in

We sincerely thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness to us and the dear family at the time of the sad death of the husband and father, who so quickly was taken from us. We also thank all that gave the lovely flowers and also thank the Odd Fellows for the kindness they are showing to the dear family of Mr. Frank Sweet. Mrs. H. F. Dickerson, his mother, and Mrs. Soladin, his sister.

village cemetery, the impressive services at the grave being under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Walter Coffin

Walter C. Coffin, 71, of 2709 E. High St., U, died at 6:30 a.m. Monday (Dec. 17, 1984) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Renner-Wikoff Chapel, Urbana, the Rev. Riley Powell and the Rev. Raymond Burton officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Coffin was born March 28, 1913 at Mahomet, a son of David and Mary Sweet Coffin. He married Genevieve L. Lane on March 26, 1934, in Champaign County. She died Jan. 6, 1972. He then married Ethel Burton on Oct. 18, 1974, at Urbana. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, James E. Coffin Sr. of Fisher, Walter C. Coffin Jr. of Champaign, and Karl E. Coffin, Steven J. Coffin and Kevin L. Coffin, all of Urbana; two daughters, Barbara Myhre of Woodlands, Texas, and Edith White of Famosland; two stepsons, Jeffrey Wiegand of Mahomet and Gary Wiegel of Fisher; three stepdaughters, Katherine Wiegel, Janet Rose and Amy Anders, all of Urbana; 14 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Clifford Coffin of Gifford; and three sisters, Lavilla Haney of Chicago, Alleen Burton of Mayview and Doris Drollinger of Urbana.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, five brothers and a sister.

Mr. Coffin was a retired supervisor at J.M. Jones & Co. He was a former member of the First Baptist Church, Mahomet.



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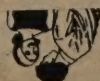
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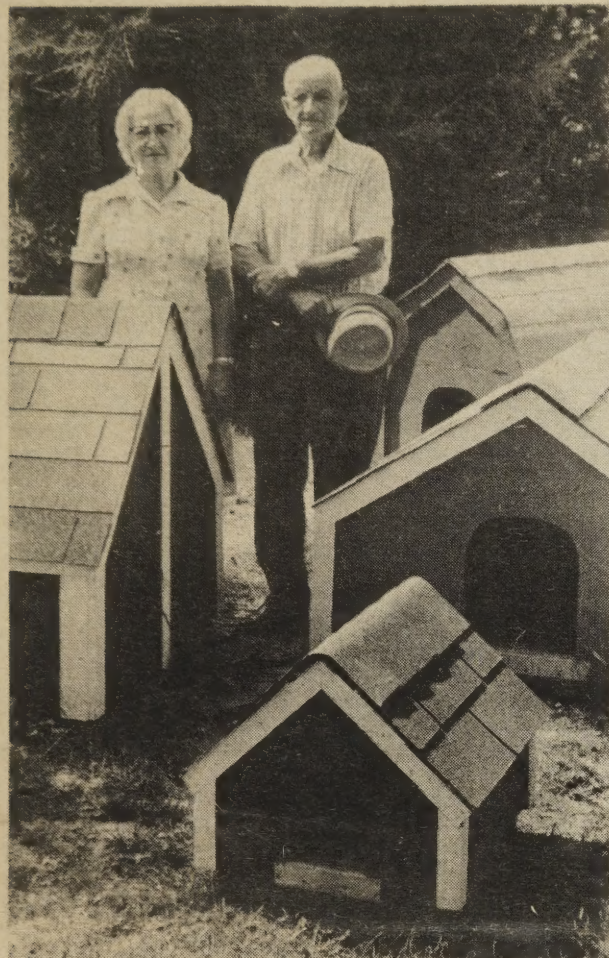
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Six years ago when the doctor ordered Wilbur Coffin to quit driving a truck for his health's sake, he caught the vigorous 72-year old (he is now 78) financially, physically and mentally unready to rest quietly. The result is the unusual collection of doghouses lining the driveway at 508 Franklin, and a "different" kind of enterprise in Mahomet.

Wilbur didn't plan his way into business. It grew gradually from one of several hobbies, and grandchildren and step-grandchildren who wanted Grandpa to "make us something." He started with bird feeders and worked up. And, after the family and immediate neighbor channels are fully stocked, the only outlet is the outside world.

Coffin puts out a good solid product that "is going to outlast any dog." All framework is 2x4, and many of the floors and some of the siding are 2" material. Plywood on floors is 3/4", and on walls and ceilings it is 1/2". At each doorway, a thin piece of metal is nailed over the wood to prevent moisture accumulation and wear by a dog with a chain.

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one of the larger models. Mr. Coffin doesn't deliver. If you're in a covered van of any kind, it's also well to remember that the bigger houses are 46" at the peak. The 18"x24" terrier or kitty models will fit into a large auto trunk.

Coffin's materials are used lumber, or more accurately, unused lumber from new sites. He has friends in the contracting business who keep him well supplied.

"Ends" cast aside by conventional carpenters will generally meet his maximum specifications, and the variety of his product sizes virtually insures that no piece of any length will go unused. His inventory, which runs from 25 to 31 houses, will match any prospect from street or kennel.

These savings are passed along to the consumers. Prices range from \$16 for the smallest 18"x24" models, often purchased for cats, to \$75 for Great Dane or St. Bernard units. A German Shepherd could probably get by with \$60.

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Coffin builds in his garage at all times of the year. In extremely cold weather, he has to wait for a nice day to put on the roofs, since the asphalt shingles have to be lapped over at the top, and will crack if it's too cold.

At such times, he can go inside the house and pursue another hobby, painting (oil) pictures and murals. These, too, have reached "outside-the-family" markets, but getting them to places for display and other such details take more time than he is usually willing to give.

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pounds of ice on your shoulders and a dog nipping at your ankles sort of puts you off.

He raised 10 children and never owned a dog. When asked why he caters to them, Coffin laughs and says, "Maybe it's because I think they should be inside something."

At any rate, many a pooch basking snugly in his new home, would probably be grateful — maybe enough to leave Coffin's ankles alone.

Boost the Bulldogs!

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Francis Allen Expires Today



FRANCIS (TINY) ALLEN

Francis (Tiny) Allen, 33, well-known local basketball player who at one time performed for the Anderson Packers, died at St. John's Hospital this morning at 1:30 after being ill since undergoing an operation last week.

He resided with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shockney, 816 Alhambra Dr.

Mr. Allen was born in Champaign, Ill., and reared in Muncie, graduating from Muncie Central High School, where he starred in basketball, in 1942. Following

his high school graduation, he entered the Navy. After his discharge, he attended Ball State Teachers College and Oklahoma A & M University, playing basketball at both schools.

After his schooling he took up residence in Anderson and played with the Packers professional team in their last season here. Until recently he was employed at the Welker Ford Agency. A short time ago, he became zone sales manager for the newly formed Edsel Division of Ford Motor Company.

The deceased was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 681, and the Grandview Golf Club and attended Baptist churches in Anderson and Muncie.

Surviving are the mother and step-father, his father, Earl E. Allen; a sister, Mrs. Maurice Hannaford, Anderson; the paternal grandfather, C. C. Allen, Oblong, Ill.; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Roy Argo, Phoenix, Ariz., and four nephews.

The body was taken to the Harold E. Rozelle Funeral Home, where services are being arranged.



FRANCIS
SHIRLEY

Be it Remembered, That on the day herein named, the following MARRIAGE

LICENSE was issued to Roy Argo

and Minnie A. Sweet to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, Fountain County:

Any person, empowered by law to solemnize marriage, is authorized

To Join Together as Husband and Wife

Roy Argo

and

Minnie A. Sweet

WITNESS, the Clerk and Seal of the Fountain

Circuit Court, the 29 day of May A. D. 1929

13/ Ester Goodin Clerk.

and afterwards the following return was made thereto, to-wit;

STATE OF INDIANA, Fountain County:

This Certifies That I joined in marriage Roy Argo

and Minnie A. Sweet on the 29 day of

May A. D., 1929

13/ J. B. Johnson

STATE OF INDIANA, Fountain County:

I, Samuel B. Starkey, Clerk of the Fountain Circuit Court

in and for the County and State aforesaid, and legal custodian of the Record of Marriages in said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and complete copy of the Marriage

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and Minnie A. Sweet

together with the return thereto as the same appears on file in my office, and of record in volume

22 page 55 of Record of Marriages now in my custody.

WITNESS the hand of said Clerk and Seal of said Court affixed at

Corydon, Ind., this 9 day of October 1924

Samuel B. Starkey

CERTIFICATE OF THE

Marriage License

ISSUED TO

AND

WITH THE RETURNS THERETO

Woodburn Printing Co., Terre Haute



APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE -- FEMALE

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR A LICENSE FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

Roy Argo & *Minnie A. Sweet*
 UPON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF FACTS RELATIVE TO SAID PARTIES

1. The full christian and surname of the woman is *Minnie A. Sweet*
2. Color *White* 3. Where born *Ill.*
(Town, County, State or Country)
4. When born *Dec. 28, 1885*
(Day, Month and Year)
5. Present residence *Champaign, Ill.*
6. Present occupation *Domestic*
7. Full christian and surname of father *Joseph Bennett*
8. His color *White* 9. His birthplace *Ohio*
10. His occupation *Farmer* 11. His residence *Deceased*
12. Full christian and maiden name of mother *Eliza Ann Wilson*
13. Her color *White* 14. Her occupation *Housewife*
15. Her birthplace *Ill.* 16. Her residence *Deceased*
17. Has the female contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons with the last five years? *No*
18. Is this her first marriage? *No*
19. If not, how often has she been married? *Once*
20. Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved... *Yes*
21. If so, how and when? *Death*
22. Is the female contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal, or any other contagious or transmissible disease? *No*
23. Is she an imbecile, feeble - minded, idiotic or insane, or is she under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? *No*

Signature of Applicant *Minnie A. Sweet*

STATE OF INDIANA *Fountain* COUNTY, ss:

Minnie A. Sweet deposes and says that *she* has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *29* day of *May* 19*29*
13/ Ester Goodin

Clerk Circuit Court

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) ss
Fountain County)

I, Samuel B. Starkey, Clerk of the
Fountain Circuit Court in and for the County and State aforesaid,
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hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and complete
copy of the Marriage Application issued to _____

Ray Argo and
Minnie A. Sweet
and of record in volume 22, page 55 of Record of
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WITNESS the hand of said Clerk and Seal of said Court affixed at
Covington, Indiana, this 9 day of October 1974

Samuel B. Starkey

Clerk of the
Fountain Circuit Court





Roy Argo
Minnie Bennett Sweet Argo





Willey Family
 William - Minnie (Argo)
 Mary Ellen - William



Woodlawn Cemetery
 Urbana, Illinois



Mahomet Schoolhouse where
Allens & Sweets attended



Sweet Home, Mahomet, Illinois



Village Cemetery, Mahomet, Illinois





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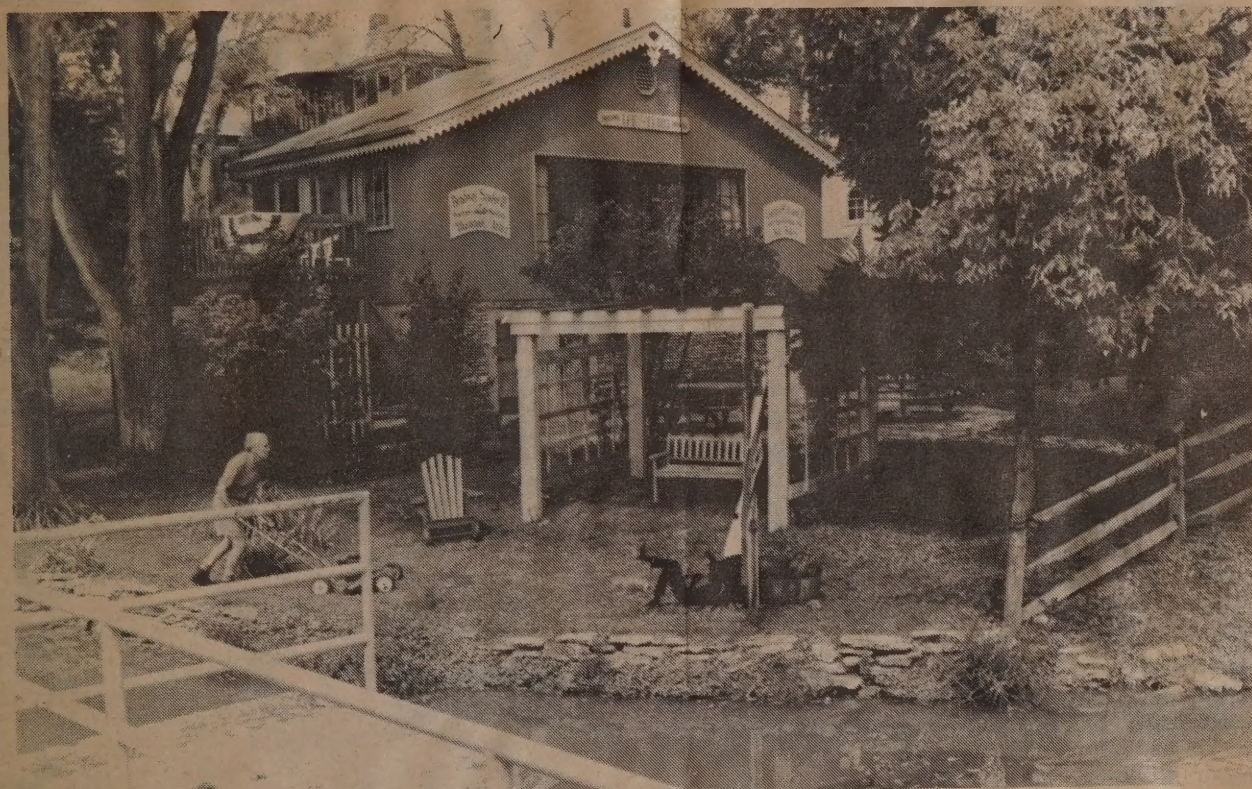
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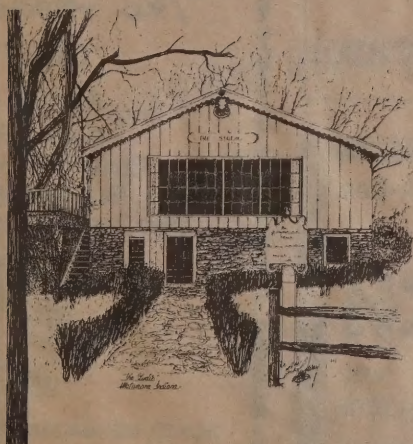


Bernice - Olive - Frances - Clara - Minnie



CUT AND TRIM . . . Dr. William Crankshaw of Metamora, pictured above on the left mowing the lawn on his property at the Gingerbread House (The Old Allison Home), Carpenter's Gothic 1870, on a hot summer day (Thursday, September 1). The Gingerbread House located across from the Grist Mill, along the canal houses several businesses in historic Metamora.

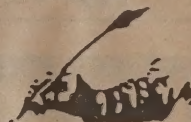
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Dorothy Humbarger Receives Art Award

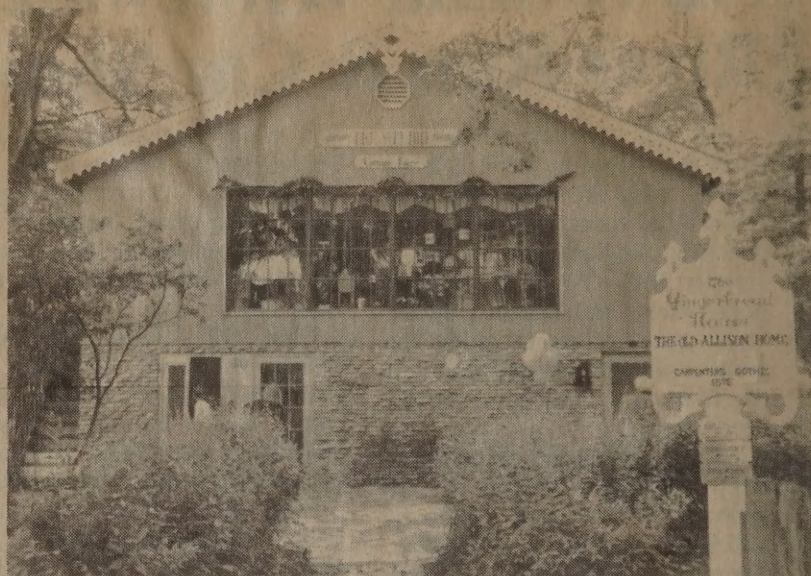
Miss Dorothy Humbarger, Brookville high school art teacher, was recently awarded the 1981 Art Convention Choice Award for the most outstanding art work displayed in the Annual Artist-Teacher Show by the Art Education Association of Indiana during the association's conference and workshops she attended November 12, 13 and 14 at the Inn of the Four Winds, Lake Monroe, Bloomington.

The winning ink drawing features the Allison House, an antique American gothic style building of the 1800's often called the "Gingerbread House" by local people in the Metamora area.

The drawing of the Allison House commissioned by Robert and Jean Sadler of Metamora, expressed a sense of poetic-expressionism and "vivencia." Miss Humbarger's current drawing and painting style.

The drawing will be displayed for public viewing in the near future when the house will be open for tours. Presently, a print of the drawing will be on view in the Little Gallerie, Miss Humbarger's studio, during the Christmas Walk.

Metamora Goes Victorian



By John Estridge

METAMORA - Because the tourists refused to come to Victorian Shoppes, Victorian Shoppes came to the tourists.

Nancy Miles, Victorian Shoppes owner, opened the new shop — Cottage Faire — behind the Gingerbread House and across the Whitewater Canal from the Grist Mill in this picturesque canal-town.

"We don't get tourists to stop in Brookville," Miles said. "We wanted to get into that market."

Location was this building's selling point, Miles said.

"This is the best view in town," Miles said.

And she may be correct.

Located on the second floor of the Studio Building, the store has a large picture window and a wooden balcony. Both overlook a lock in the canal and an ensuing waterfall.

Ducks ply the canal's waters and an old-time train periodically chugs past the shop.

Inside one can find unique items for the home and garden.

Garden items were inspired by Cottage Faire's landlord, Dr. William Crankshaw, a retired botany professor at Ball State.

"His beautiful landscaping gave us the idea," Miles said. "We think of our items being for an English garden."

To those without green thumbs or an herbal vocabulary, an English garden was defined by Miles and her assistant Denise Bruns — soon to be her daughter-in-law — as an overgrown, unprogrammed garden.

Such items as bird baths, bird houses, windchimes and flowers can be found in the store.

Besides the garden, they also offer their specialty, interior design.

Already their venture has been successful.

"We've had customers come from as far away as Hawaii," Miles said. "They saw Metamora on a travel show and came here. They've already ordered more items."

Miles and Bruns have worked on this project for 10 months. They have personally traveled and bought all of the shop's items.

An eager staff awaits to assist or share the beauty of the scenery. And periodically, tea and cookies are served on the balcony for everyone's enjoyment. 6-9-93



What A Difference 50 Years Makes —

Enrollment at Mahomet-Seymour High School this year is about 450. It is quite a contrast to the enrollment 51 or 52 years ago. The above picture shows the enrollment at that time including the faculty.

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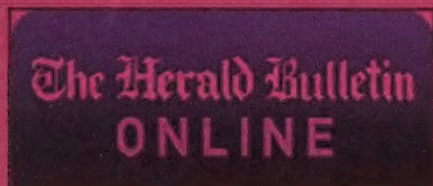
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Overnight Update

County hopes wind energy blows in tourists - 3 Hours Ago

History: Louis Weichmann, Anderson's connection to the Lincoln Assassination

Man moved to city after testifying against conspirators in trial

By Beth Oljace Anderson Public Library He was a teacher, a government clerk, a seminarian, a witness and the owner of a local business. Some people thought he was handsome, charming and honest as sunshine. Others thought he was smarmy, a craven coward and liar. Although Louis Weichmann has been dead for 108 years, people are still sharply divided over who he was and what he did — and why. It's an Anderson story. Louis Weichmann — or Lewis or Aloyius Wiechmann — was born in Baltimore to German immigrants in 1842. He spent his childhood in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, graduating from public school there. He began to study for the priesthood, but left the seminary shortly after the Civil War began and was a teacher for a short time before getting a job with the Commissary General of Prisoners in Washington, D.C. In Washington, Weichmann boarded at the home of Mary Surratt, the mother of a fellow seminarian named John Surratt, who had also left the seminary and was a postmaster. John Surratt was also a courier for the Confederate Army. Meeting John Wilkes Booth At Mary Surratt's home, Weichmann met John Wilkes Booth and several other men who were involved with Booth in schemes to kidnap or assassinate Abraham Lincoln and other government officials. Weichmann knew the participants, but was not invited to join the plot, probably because John Surratt considered him an abject coward and he was a miserable horseman and pistol shot. Most likely, Mary Surratt's involvement was minimal as well. After Booth's assassination of Lincoln, the residents of Surratt's boarding house, who were known associates of Booth, were all arrested. Weichmann began, at an early stage, helping the government make its case against the conspirators, especially his former landlady. Weichmann was one of the government's star witnesses before the Military Commission that tried the Lincoln conspirators and his was the crucial testimony that convicted Mary Surratt. His testimony impressed many people, among them General Lew Wallace, as being of impeccable honesty. Others, including men he had worked with, were inclined to regard Weichmann as a smarmy coward who was not to be trusted. John Surratt, who had escaped to Europe and was prosecuted for his part in the conspiracy but not convicted, claimed in later years that Weichmann was coerced by government officials who put a noose around his neck, threw the rope over a beam, lifted him off the floor and threatened to hang him with the conspirators if he didn't testify. After the trial, Weichmann got a job with the U. S. Customs Service in Philadelphia, which he kept through several safe

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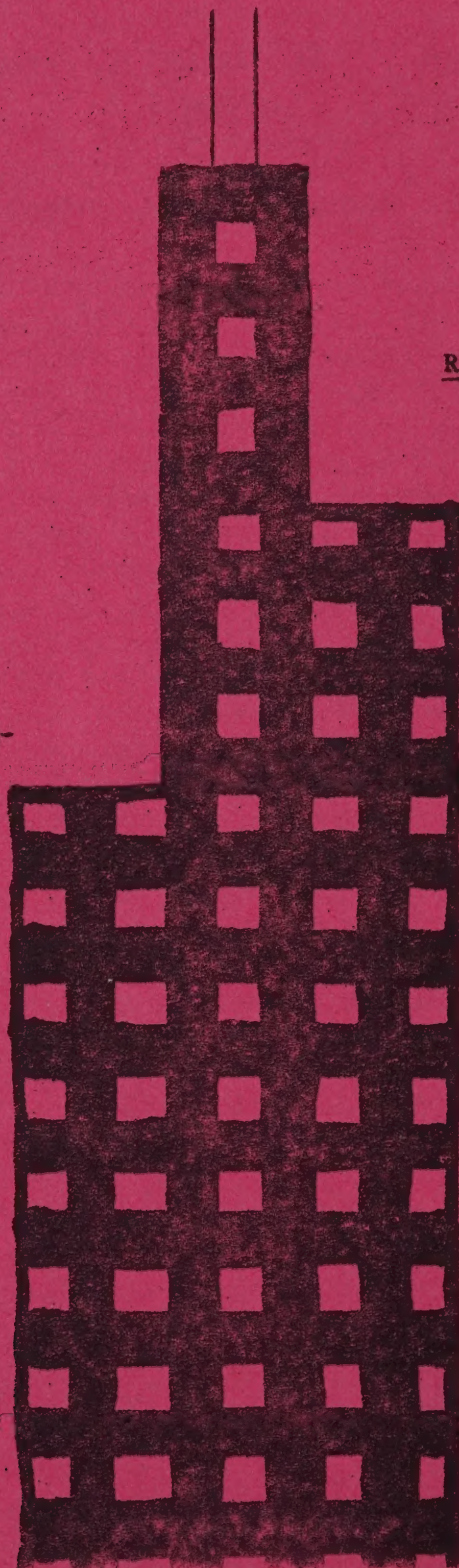
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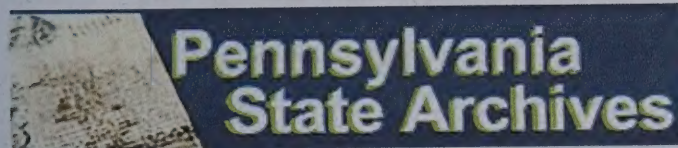
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Republican administrations, but the 1885 election of a Democrat found him jobless. Landing in Anderson Weichmann had family in Anderson. His brother was a priest at St. Mary's and two of his sisters lived here as well, so he moved here to be near them. His business and linguistic skills brought him a job teaching shorthand at a local business school and when it closed he started his own, where he was a well-regarded teacher. He was not, however, the most popular resident of Anderson and his school was small. Many people were outraged that his testimony had sent a woman to the gallows and were sure that he lied. He did have the support of his family, who became his staunch defenders and made themselves obnoxious to their neighbors. Weichmann himself was a nervous man. He feared reprisals for his testimony from the Surratts and developed a variety of peculiar habits. He would never, according to his students, stand with his back to the door. He rarely left home after dark and never did so alone. He would never sit between a lamp and a window and was rumored to carry a derringer. He also had a strong desire to justify himself and wrote a book giving his account of the trial. Although it was not published in his lifetime, he gave it to at least one of his students to read and spoke of it often. Weichmann died in June 1902 at his sister's home on West Eighth Street. Although he had not been a practicing Catholic since the trial in 1865, the local parish priest was called for. Also on his deathbed, he wrote a statement in which he swore that his testimony at the trial had been the truth and nothing but the truth. Despite this statement, there is good reason for believing that Weichmann's testimony was unreliable. Statements made by him to an associate shortly after the trial and to one of his students in Anderson in 1898 make it fairly clear that he was coerced by the government to lie and that Mary Surratt was innocent. Louis Weichmann remains as controversial in death as he was in life. His book remained in the hands of his niece until 1972. It was edited and published as "A TRUE HISTORY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE CONSPIRACY OF 1865" in 1975. The Anderson Public Library has a copy in the Indiana Room. Researchers, both for and against him, still write to the library asking about his years in Anderson and his life here, an ironical tribute to a man who probably came to Anderson and to forget and be forgotten. Beth Oljace works in the Indiana Room at Anderson Public Library. She can be reached at boljace@yahoo.com.

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Easter 1979 at Bernice's
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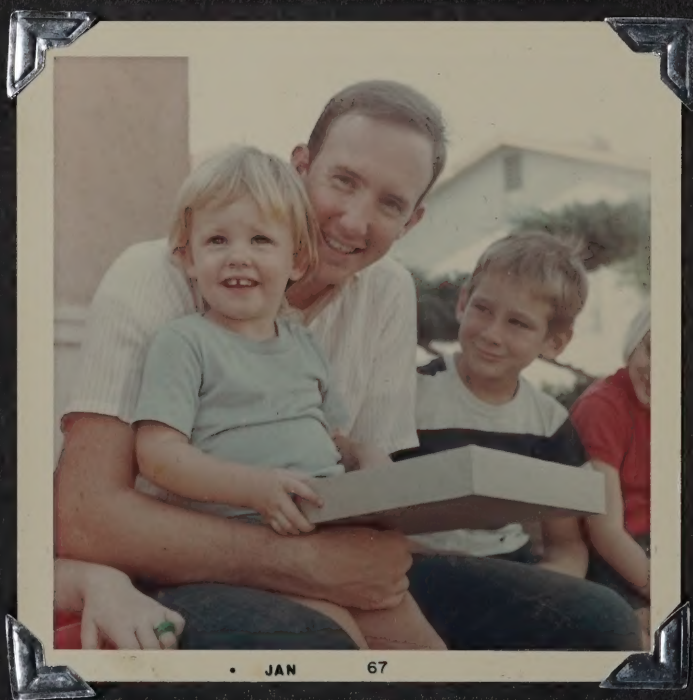


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Minnie - Eugene - Clara





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shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me
beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil: my
cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

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CHARLES E. COOK
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Devoted Father of
Lindsey, Charles and Susan
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Monday, May 21, 1984
11:00 A. M.
Newtown Square
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Newtown Square, Pa.
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Dr. Lincoln T. Griswold, D. Min.
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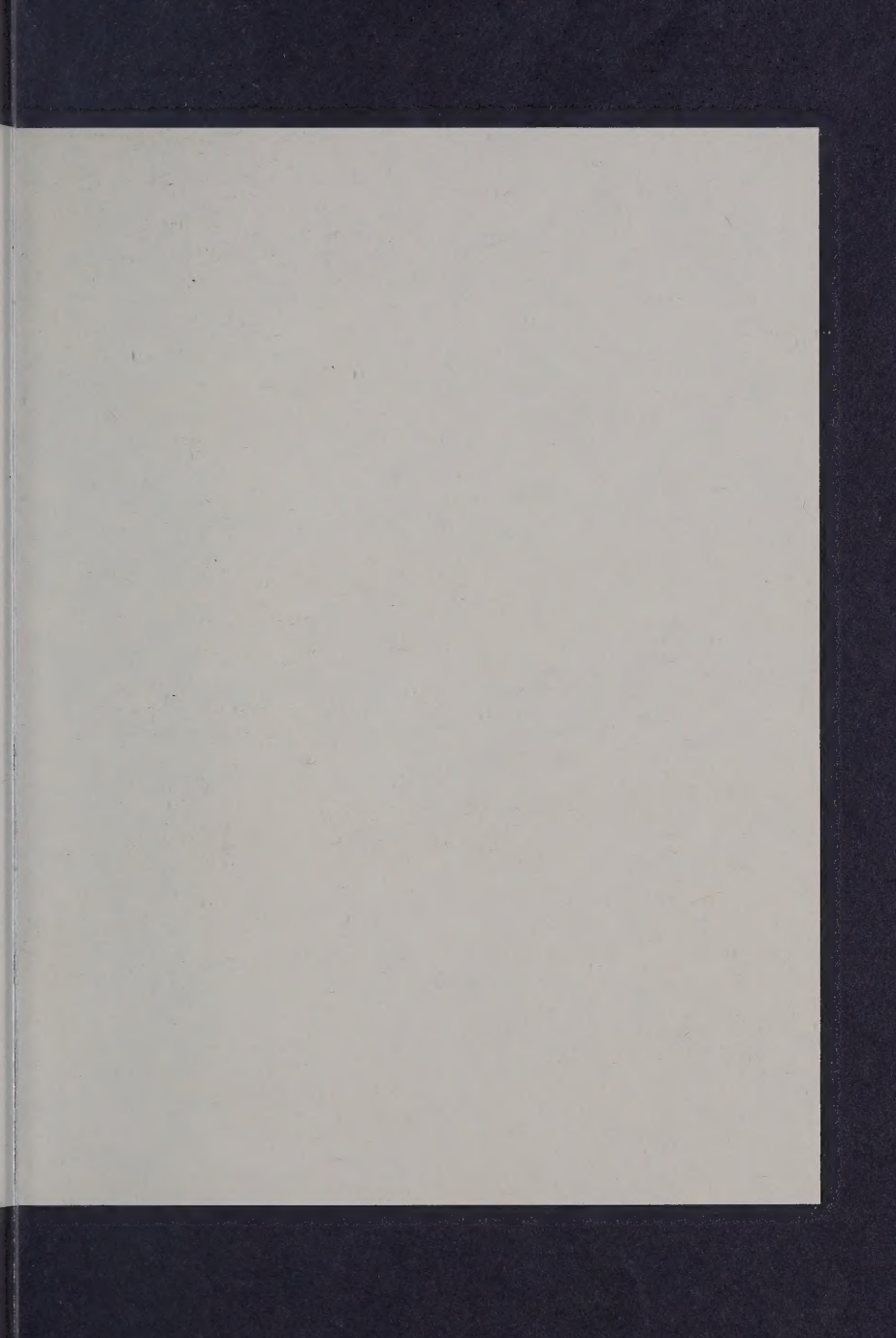
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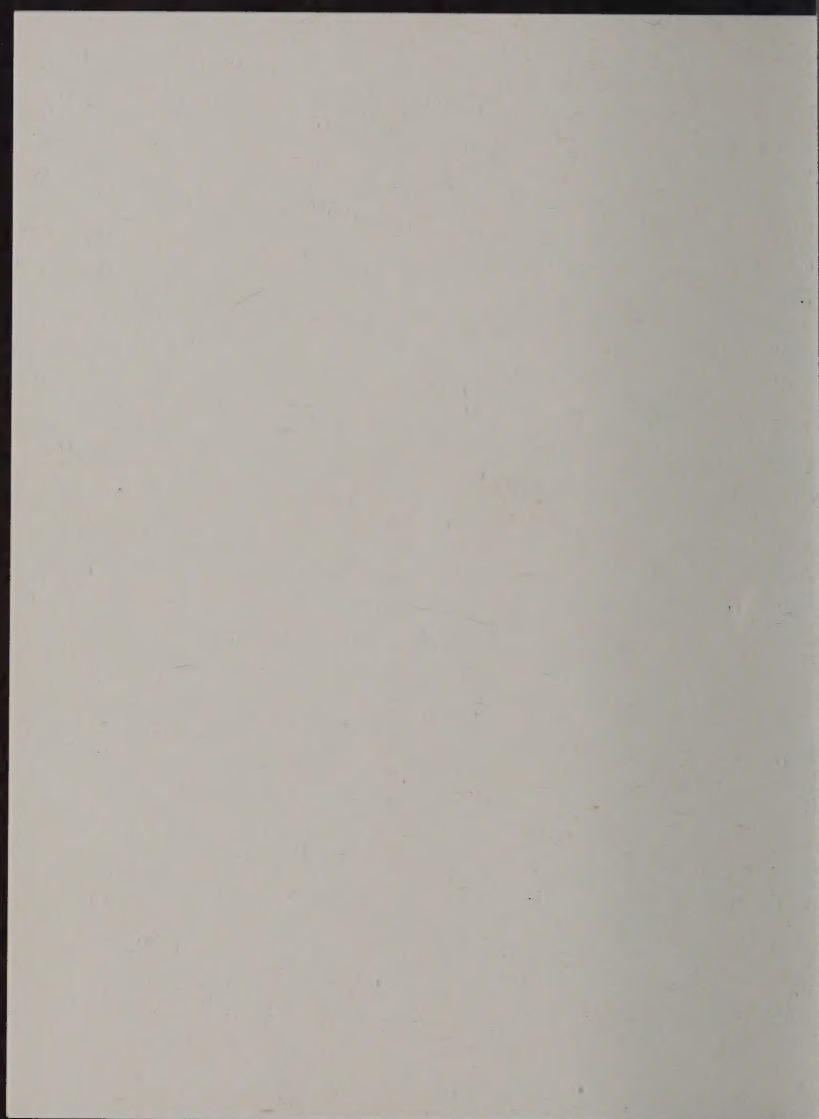
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Back-Perry

Anita Frances Back, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neil Back of 7750 Dickey Road, and Jack Wayne Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry Sr. of 4924 Jefferson Road, exchanged wedding vows Friday at the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Jack Lawson of the Community Church officiated at the 7:30 p.m. ceremony, followed by a reception at the church.

Mrs. Cecelia Perry attended as matron of honor in a peach colored knit gown with a blouson bodice, capped sleeves and a long skirt. Bridesmaids Miss Traci Back, Miss Debbie Blevins and Miss Denise Back, sister of the bride, wore gowns of green, peach and blue floral print on a cream background. The dresses were styled like the honor attendant's.

Angela Viola was the flower girl, and Joshua Back, ringbearer.

The bride wore a gown of white chantilly lace with a Queen Anne neckline, empire waistline and long bishop sleeves accented at the cuff with pleated organza. The

skirt ended in a chapel-length train of pleated organza. Her fingertip veil of illusion was edged in chantilly lace and caught by a Camelot headpiece of lace and seed pearls.

Russell Perry, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Serving as ushers were Darrell Taylor, Bill Piersall and Randy Back, brother of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Madison High School. She is a cashier at McGee's Supermarket.

The bridegroom, an alumnus of Lemon-Monroe High School, works at Aeronca.

Following a wedding trip south, the couple plan to make their home here.



Randy



Denise



Denise Michele Back



Ryan Perry



Sarah Perry

We Have a
Little Daughter...



Randy & Lynn



Ryan Joseph
age 4 Xmas '84



Tarrak Morgan
age 2 Xmas '84



TARRAK AGE 3Y



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TARRAK AGE 5YR



RYAN
AGE 5YR



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Ryan Perry



Jannah Perry

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of our family!

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MRS. BRONNENBERG

Marriage Announced

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Jenni Eckhardt to Ronald Bronnenberg. The exchange of vows took place June 8 in Liberty, Ind. Mrs. Bronnenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scharrold Eckhardt of West Alexandria

Road, is a graduate of Madison High School. Her husband attended Middletown High School and is employed by the Armco Steel Corp. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bronnenberg of Wilbraham Road. The couple are living at 225 Vanderveer St.



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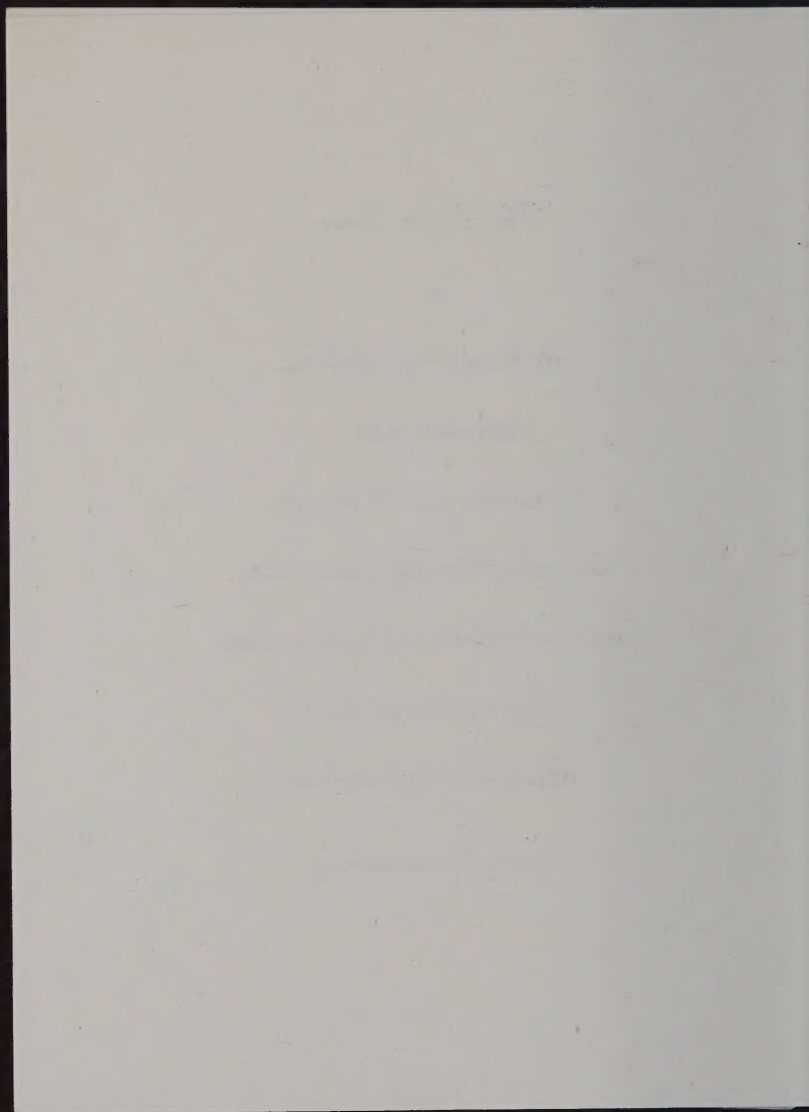
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Doug Reggie

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Father teaches love of public service

Family boasts firefighter, police officer, sheriff's deputy

By Michael Kurtz
Journal Staff Writer

Email: mkurtz@coxohio.com

CARLISLE — Some fathers and sons bond over a baseball game or a weekend camping.

For the Bronnenbergs, family unity comes from putting their lives on the line every day at work.

Father Ron Bronnenberg and sons Doug and Reggie have almost 50 years combined experience as a Carlisle police officer, Middletown firefighter and Butler County Sheriff's deputy respectively.

Both boys credit their father with ingraining in them a love of public service.

"When I was a kid, I watched a neighbor drive up and down the street in a police car," said Doug. "I thought that's what I wanted to do."

Ironically, the Bronnenberg boys almost ended up reversing careers.

Doug, 34, was actually trained as a police officer before earning his certifications as a firefighter and paramedic.

He had job applications in both fields before the Middletown Fire Division called 11 years ago.

"It was one or the other for me.

Fire called first," Doug said.

He now serves on the division's medic unit and hazardous materials team.

With father and older brother both putting their lives on the line, Reggie said he knew that he too would end up in some kind of public service.

"They didn't leave me any choice," said Reggie, 32.

Reggie said he initially thought he would prefer a job as a firefighter but never was as interested as he was in police work.

After brief stints as a corrections officer and a New Miami police officer, Reggie joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office nine years ago as a deputy.

The brothers kids each other about the work their sibling has chosen as a career.

"Doug's the good guy," firefighters are all the good guys," Reggie said.

Doug says it's the nature of the business.

"When fire is called, it's for help. When (police) are called, somebody's going to jail," he said.

The brothers, both parents of daughters, say they don't talk shop during family get-togethers unless

it's something unusual.

They see enough "bad stuff" at work, they say, and don't want it to interfere with their lives.

It's a good strategy, says Ron, who watched his marriage to the boys' mother destroyed by police work.

"I tell the young guys now if you have a good marriage, don't let this job mess it up," said Ron, 57.

The Bronnenberg patriarch has worn a badge since 1977 when he became a reserve officer with Middletown police.

His interest in law enforcement was energized by young friends who joined the force.

"I started riding with them and it just overwhelmed me," Ron said.

He has served as a part-time officer for most of his career while working at AK Steel.

But even that came with full-time problems, he said.

In July 1984, he was one of two officers involved in the fatal shooting of a suspect who fired at police officers first.

"That took a toll on everything in my life," Ron said.

By 1989, he was divorced from his first wife of 21 years.



Carlisle police Officer Ron Bronnenberg, middle, says he's "very proud" of his two sons, who have followed him into public service. Reggie, left, is a Butler County Sheriff's deputy. Doug serves with the Middletown Fire Division.

Ron became a full-time Carlisle police officer in 2001 and now serves as an officer in charge.

He said a lot of the mistakes and incidents of his youth are behind him, and he hopes to pass on some of his knowledge to his boys.

Maybe it will spare them some of the troubles he's seen, he said.

"This job has taken a toll on my marriage for one. But I do have somebody special in my life right now that accepts what I do," Ron said.

He's looking forward to retirement and spending time with his four grandchildren.

He said he hopes the same for his boys someday. "I'm so very proud of them," Ron said.

I thought you might like to see this. Mother wanted me to send it to you. She is doing very well. Some days she doesn't think so, but she is. She will be 80 by Dec. and I think that that brother her. Mai E. Mair later - Love, Carrie

Front Line

Gulf war brings reunion for these Army siblings

Anderson siblings Roby and Pamela Irle haven't seen each other much in the last few years. They've been pursuing separate careers in the Army. But Operation Desert Storm has changed all that.

Both are Army sergeants, in armored divisions, and stationed in Saudi Arabia. Roby has been in Saudi Arabia since October; Pam arrived in December.

As luck would have it, upon Pam's arrival, Roby managed to locate a vehicle and meet his baby sister. The family reunion, half way around the world, lasted about five hours, according to their father, Robert Irle.

"Pam got over there the day after Christmas and Roby looked her up," Irle said. "He's only about 30 miles from the Kuwait border and she's about an hour south."

Pam, a 5-year veteran, learned she was going to the Persian Gulf while stationed in Germany. She returned to Anderson to bring Jessie, her two-year-old daughter, back to the U.S. to Judy Richardson, the youngster's grandmother.

Roby was stationed in Fort Knox, Ky. when he was

See FRONT LINE, Page A-11



Roby and Pamela Irle enjoy a five-hour reunion in Saudi Arabia.

Front Line

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called to serve in the gulf. The 14-year Army veteran is married, and his wife, Mary, remains at Fort Knox.

Irle said he gets letters from Roby and Pam, but it takes a long time for them to reach to Anderson from Saudi Arabia.

"The letters I get don't have much about what is going on over there," Irle said. "They tell me most of the mail is censored."

"I watch the news constantly when I'm home. I get up at 2 a.m. in the morning to get ready for work and the first thing I do is turn on the TV."

It's not easy to sit and watch and not be able to do anything about what's going on, Irle said.

"I wish this peace deal could be worked out," Irle said. "Anybody that has kids over there knows what I feel like. Having two over there is even worse."



Five Generations

Berniece Irle Minnie Argo
Lorraine Bronnenberg Connie Back
Anita Back



Five Generations

Anita Perry Connie Back Lorraine Bronnenberg
Ryan Perry Berniece Irle



Leo-David-Lorraine



Bern
Bernice
Donnie

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Sue Irle

ANDERSON SUNDAY HERALD 17
Sunday, October 15 1978

Jenkins-Irle

An Oct. 21 wedding date has been set by Sue Irle and Donnie Jenkins, according to the engagement announcement by the bride-elect's parents, Robert C. Irle, 519 W. Eighth St., and Judith Ann Richardson, 712 E. 27th St.

Miss Irle is a 1977 graduate of Anderson High School and is employed by the City of Anderson. The future bridegroom is a 1971 AHS graduate and works for Donahue Gas.

The Rev. James Lantz will unite the couple in a double-ring ceremony at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Ohio & Indiana N

Saturday, September 17, 1977

THE CINCINNATI



Driving Beats Stacking Hay

Photo for The Enquirer by Janet Long

... Mrs. Baek operates tractor-baler and says there's more good than bad to farm work



left to right
Real - Connie
Randy, Denise
and Anita

Makin' Hay

Family Finds Life On Farm Hard Work, But Worth It

By JANET LONG
Enquirer Middletown Bureau

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—"If the sun don't shine you don't make hay." And when you have 30 acres of hay to be made each season, "you hope for a lot of sunshine," said Mrs. Connie Back. Connie, a bus driver for the Madison Township School District, along with her husband, Neil, an Armco Steel Corp. employee, and their three children, raise hay on their 44-acre farm on Dickey Road in Madison Township.

Connie, 34, describes life on the farm as "fun but hectic, especially during the hay-making season," and she is well versed in being a farmer, having gained her knowledge firsthand.

When it comes time to work in the field, Connie works right along with the rest of the family, getting the hay cut, raking it to allow the sun to cure it, and finally "making the hay" into bales and storing it in the barn.

FOR QUITE some time she worked on the wagon stacking the hay as it came out of the baler, but eventually this proved almost too much for her 5 foot-2 inch frame to manage. She now drives the huge tractor-baler rig while her husband and son work the wagon.

Hay making begins about the first of June and is usually finished sometime in September, Connie said.

"Weather is the most important factor in hay making, she pointed out. "I think one of the most discouraging things about this work is to have the hay cut and dried ready to bale, and get up the next morning to find it raining." If the hay gets wet, Connie explained, it must be raked (flipped over to allow the sun to dry it) and then must be allowed to dry before it can be baled.

"That's happened to us before, but not often. We've been pretty lucky," she said.

An average day's work in the hay field, when all goes well, usually begins around 11 a.m. when the dew

has dried off and continues until late evening when the dew begins to fall again.

"OF COURSE we would love to get out and get a lot of the work done before the heat of the day, but it has to be done right," noted Connie. Getting the equipment ready, however, requires a lot of time so the morning is far from wasted.

The wagons must be prepared, the equipment greased, gasoline put in the tractors, "and make sure you have a big jug of ice water handy," quipped Connie. "When we get finished with a day of hay making we're really tired, but there's such a good feeling of accomplishment."

The Back family began country living with about one acre. Later they "moved up" to five acres, and almost nine years ago they bought the 44-acre farm hoping to pursue their interest in horses. They presently have a menagerie of animals including a few cattle, four dogs, six cats, ducks, a goat and five horses.

"The horses are just for show and pleasure," said Connie. "All three of the children (Anita, 16, Randy, 14, and Denise, 11) show the horses in 4-H competition, but Denise is the one that shows the horses most in open competition." Denise has won more than 50 ribbons showing her walking horse, Beauty.

AMONG THE other animals on the farm, Nanny the goat is an obvious family favorite.

"She thinks she's one of the dogs," said Connie chuckling. "If the dogs chase a car Nanny is right there with them. She has also staked a claim on the front porch and if a strange dog comes around she butts them and gets rid of them in a hurry."

Work on the large farm is almost endless, but Connie still finds time for outside interests. Recently she and her husband went into training with the newly formed Madison Life Squad. Ninety-six hours of training are required and a state test must be

passed before they can serve on the life squad, she explained.

She also helped organize the Madison Sports Club Auxiliary of which she is still a member, has served as a softball coach, a Brownie troop leader and, for the last seven years, has driven a school bus in the Madison School District. She averages 100 miles each day on her route involving about five hours daily. She also is responsible for keeping the bus clean.

"Kids on the bus give you so much by the things they say or do and sometimes just being there," said Connie with a smile. "Often they just make my day."

Connie said she loves her job driving the bus, and therefore the last day of school often proves to be a "tearjerker," she said.

"SOMETIMES THE ones you least expect to care, maybe the ones you have had to discipline, are the ones that will kiss you good-bye or bring you a gift," she said. "Those kids really touch me."

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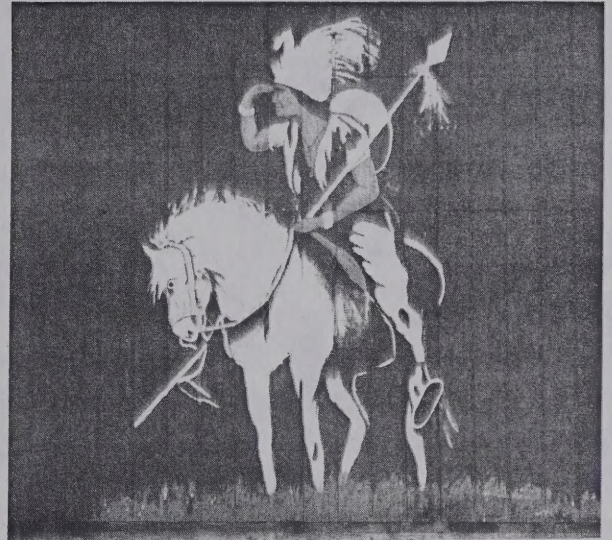
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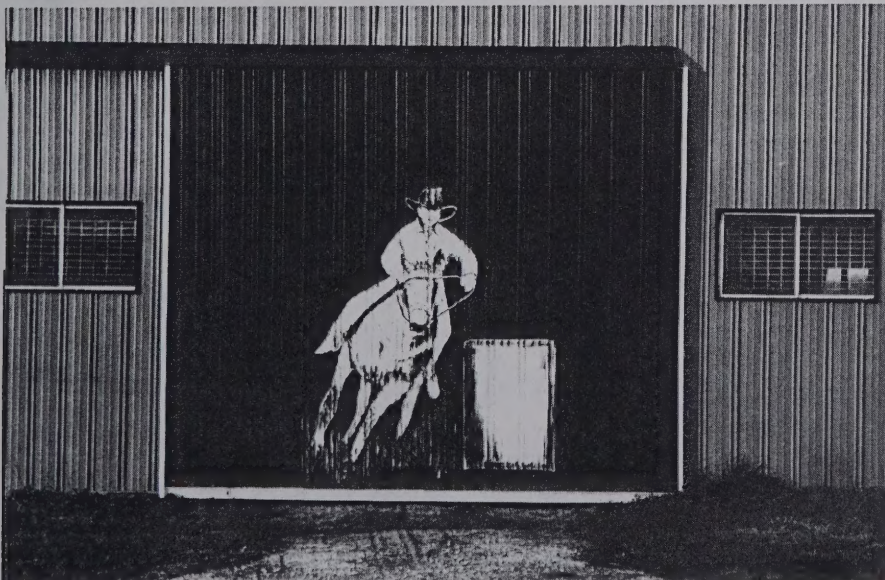
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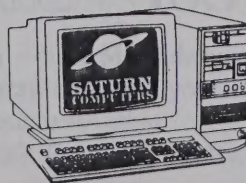


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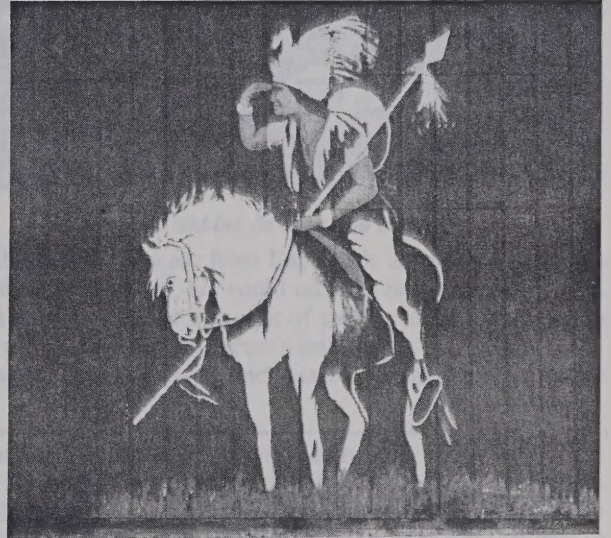
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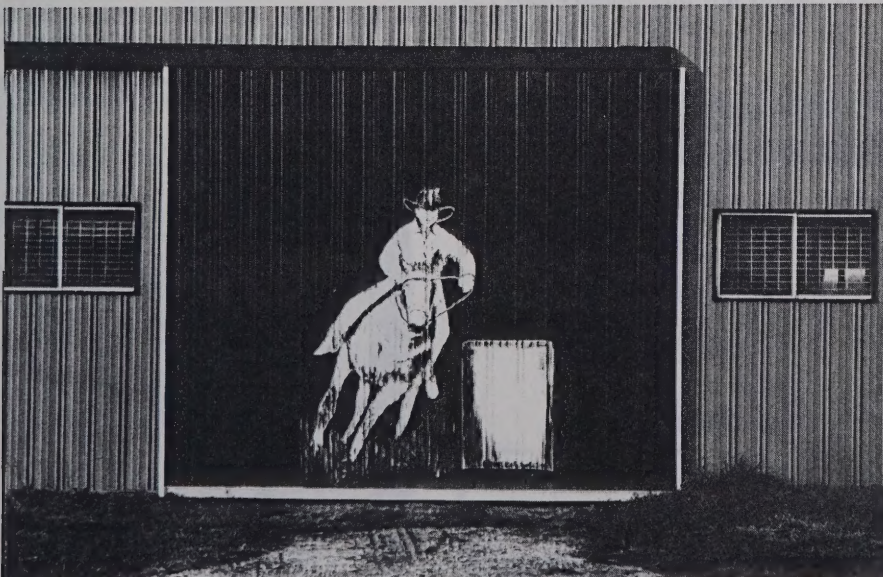
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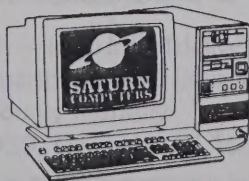
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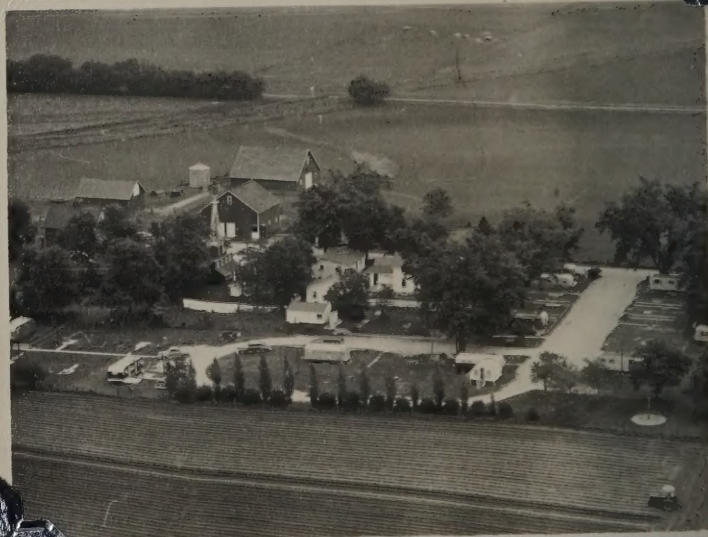
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Nieces and nephews of the Martins are hosting the reception. The couple raised one niece and nephew, Mrs. Madonna Rae Martin Zollinger, Goshen, Ind., and Frederick J. D. Martin, McLean, Va.

Mr. Martin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin of Mahomet, and the former Olive Sweet, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet, also of Mahomet, were married June 14, 1923, in the First Baptist Church of Mahomet with Rev. B. R. Hutton officiating. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Irle, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mrs. Irle resides in Anderson, Ind. Mr. Irle is now deceased.

For the past 33 years, the Martins have owned and operated the Martin Trailer Ranch on their farm, five miles east of Rantoul. They are charter members of the Illinois Mobile Housing Association.

Mr. Martin served as director of the Champaign County Livestock and Fertilizer Association for several years. He is a charter member of the Soil Conservation Service of Champaign County, active with FS service, and a committeeman for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service program.

Mrs. Martin served on the Champaign County Home Extension board and was a 4-H leader for several years. She retired last year as a Sunday school teacher, having taught in the kindergarten and beginners department for 40 years. She was also a member of the church choir. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Bible Baptist Church in Rantoul.



Photo by Farlow

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MARTIN



MADONNA
OLIVE ALBERT

S.D.

Olive Martin

RANTOUL — Olive M. Martin, 80, of Rantoul died at 9 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 2, 1983) at Americana Healthcare Center, Champaign.

Funeral services will be
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2 p.m. Wednesday at Lux Memorial Chapel, the Rev. John Hamilton and the Rev. Brent Anderson officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Mount Hope Mausoleum, Urbana.

Mrs. Martin was born August 19, 1902, at Mahomet, a daughter of Frances and Minnie Bennett Sweet. She married Albert Martin June 24, 1923, at Mahomet. He survives.

Also surviving are two foster children, Fred J.D. Martin of McClain, Va., and Madonna Zollinger of Goshen, Ind.; six grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Pennington of Auburn, and Minnie Willey of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

She was a member of Rantoul First United Methodist Church, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Rantoul Womens Club and a charter member of Champaign County Home Extension. Mrs. Martin operated the Martin's Trailer Ranch for 39 years.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the

paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of

the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; Thy rod and

Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence

of mine enemies: thou anointest my head

with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life: and I will

dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Olive M. Martin

August 19, 1902

January 2, 1983

SERVICES

2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 1983

Lux Memorial Chapel

OFFICIATING

Rev. John Hamilton

Rev. Brent A. Anderson

BURIAL

Mt. Hope Mausoleum

BEARERS

Tim Zollinger

Doug Elliott

Joe Martin

ANDY HANNAFORD

Nathan Zollinger

Gene Elliott

Brent Warner

Albert Martin

RANTOUL — Albert R. Martin, 81, of Rantoul died at 8:33 a.m. Friday (Sept. 9, 1983) at Chanute Air Force Base Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Lux Memorial Chapel, Rantoul, the Rev. Brent Henderson officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Urbana.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Martin was born Sept. 8, 1902, at Tuscola, a son of Jeff Davis and Cora McGuire Martin. He married Olive Sweet on June 14, 1923, at Mahomet. She died in January 1982.

Survivors include one son, Frederick D. Martin of McLean, Va.; one daughter, Madonna Zollinger of Goshen, Ind.; six grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Martin of Battle Creek, Mich.; and three sisters, Lula Warner of Ashton, Mina Spates of Sullivan and Lela Musson of Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Mr. Martin was a member of First United Methodist Church, Rantoul, and Champaign County Farm Bureau.

He farmed east of Rantoul and operated Martin's Trailer Court, Gifford.

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Albert R. Martin

September 8, 1902

September 9, 1983

SERVICES

2:00 pm

Monday, September 12, 1983

Lux Memorial Chapel

OFFICIATING

Rev. Brent Anderson

ENTOMBMENT

Mt. Hope Mausoleum

Tim Zollinger

Nathan Zollinger

Gene Elliott

Lyle Warner

Jim Warner

Doug Elliott

LUX MEMORIAL CHAPEL

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday — October 22 at 11:00a.m.

Property of

ALBERT R. MARTIN ESTATE

* Auction held at 1512 Locust Avenue in Rantoul.
PERSONAL PROPERTY: Furniture, Household Goods; Collec-
tibles.



REAL ESTATE (will sell approx. 1:00p.m.): Beautiful 3 bedroom brick home with attached garage; approximately 1800 sq. ft. on a 75'x130' lot. Property has an excellent location in the Bethany Park 2nd Addition to Rantoul.

APPLIANCES & FURNITURE: WHIRLPOOL 19.1 No-Frost refrigerator (harvest gold); WHIRLPOOL auto. washer & dryer; TRU-TEST 22 auto dehumidifier; MOTOROLA console entertainment center w/ZENITH 25" solid state Chromacolor tv; 1982 ELECTROLUX automatic upright vacuum w/pow-er head & polisher; DUNCAN PHYFE dropleaf dining table & 5 chairs; Hide-a-bed love seat sofa; 3pc bedroom set; Assorted tables-furniture-chests; WALNUT pump organ (elect.); MAPLE & OAK 4 chair sets; WICKER chair; Lots more.

COLLECTIBLES: CRYSTAL stemware; PRESSED glass items; GERMANY-ENGLAND-HAVILAND Bows; Kerosene lamps; Pink DEPRESSION tidbit server; Pedestal cake stands; IRONSTONE blue & white, SHANGHAI plate; Figurines; SETH THOMAS Mantel clock; Handpainted & souvenir items; More.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC: Nice small appliances & kitchen items; Linens; Assorted household items; MASTER MECHANIC wet/dry vac; Tools; 20

Aluminum ext. ladder; Misc. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** STRATFORD sofa; ETHAN ALLEN gold chair; Swivel rocker & ottoman; OAK 5 leg kitchen table w/2 leaves.

*TERMS are Cash; with I-D required for Buyer Numbers and Check Payment.
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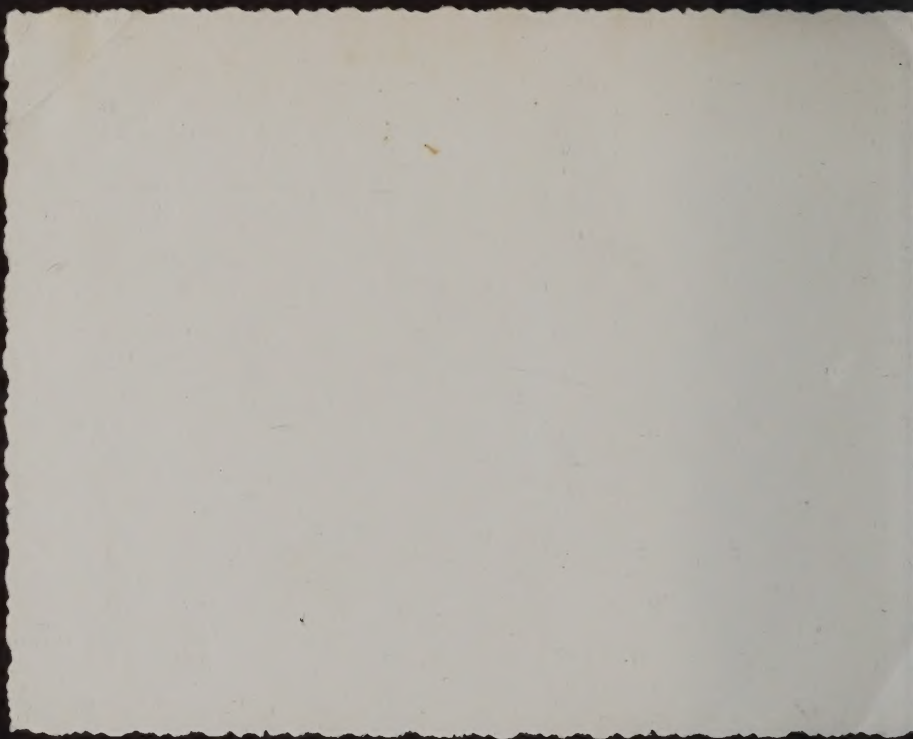
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Rantoul, Ill



Albert & Olive
40th wedding Anniversary



Oliver
&
Suzanne



Oliver
&
Bernice



In Loving Memory

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SERVICES

2:00 pm

Monday, September 12, 1983

Lux Memorial Chapel



OFFICIATING

Rev. Brent Anderson



ENTOMBMENT

Mt. Hope Mausoleum



Tim Zollinger
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I AM THE ELDEST SON OF JEFF AND CORA MARTIN. I WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 8th 1902 AT BOURBON ILLINOIS.

I DON'T REMEMBER ANY PART OF THE FIRST 4 YEARS OF MY LIFE, BUT AT THE AGE OF 5 I REMEMBER THAT MY FOLKS LIVED WEST OF WITT, ILLINOIS WHICH IS SOUTH OF NOKOMAS, ILLINOIS.

I WELL REMEMBER ONE TIME WHEN MY DAD WAS PLOWING WITH A WALKING PLOW AND I WAS FOLLOWING BEHIND IN THE FURROW AND I CAME UPON 2 BIG SNAKES COILED UP IN THE FURROW WHERE HE PLOWED. I SAW THEM JUST IN TIME TO JUMP OUT OF THERE IN A HURRY. I REMEMBER TOO THAT IT WAS WHILE WE LIVED THERE THAT I STARTED TO SCHOOL. THERE WERE 65 CHILDREN IN THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL. I REMEMBER TOO THAT THE TEACHER WAS A MAN. THEY HAD MANY MEN TEACHERS IN THE COUNTRY SCHOOL THEN, AS ALL 8 GRADES WERE TAUGHT IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS THEN, AND I REMEMBER TOO THE BIG STICK HE HAD ACROSS HIS DESK. THAT WAS TO PUT FEAR INTO US AND LET US KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO US IF WE MISBEHAVED. HE SURE USED IT ON SOME OF THE BIG BOYS TOO. *I remember then we moved to Bourbon Ill.*

WE LIVED NEAR A BIG TIMBER THERE AT BOURBON AND I REMEMBER MY DAD AND UNCLE A.Z. MARTIN CUTTING DOWN A BIG BEE TREE. IT FELL ACROSS THE RIVER MAKING A BIG DAM. DAD HAD TO TAKE THE HORSES DOWN THERE AND A BIG ROPE, WHICH HE PUT AROUND THE TREE AND PULLED IT OUT UPON THE BANK WITH THE HORSES.

AFTER THE CROPS WERE HARVESTED THAT YEAR WE MOVED TO A FARM EAST OF BOURBON, I BELIEVE IT WAS ABOUT 3 MILE EAST. MY MOTHERS FOLKS LIVED ONE MILE SOUTH OF BOURBON SO WE VISITED THEM OFTEN, US KIDS LIKED TO GO TO GRANDMAS. I WELL REMEMBER WHEN GRANDMA DIED TOO. WE HAD A BAD SLEET STORM THAT NIGHT. THE ROADS WERE VERY MUDDY AND HAD BIG RUTS IN THEM. DAD HITCHED THE HORSES TO THE SURRY AND WE STARTED TO GRANDPAS. WELL THE AXEL BROKE ON THE BUGGY AND DAD GOT A POST AND WIRED ONE END UNDER THE BUGGY FRAME AND LET THE OTHER END DRAG ON ON THE GROUND. WE MADE THE REST OF THE TRIP THAT WAY. I REMEMBER THEY HAD GRANDMA IN THE LIVING ROOM. THAT WAS THE FIRST DEAD PERSON I EVER SAW.

I REMEMBER MY DAD AND TWO OF HIS BROTHERS FARMING A HALF SECTION OF LAND. THAT WAS BEFORE THE TRACTORS CAME INTO USE. ALL WORK WAS DONE WITH HORSES. I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE BIG WORK HORSES. I ALSO

REMEMBER HOW THEY USED TO TAME OR BRAKE THOSE YOUNG COLTS TO WORK. WESTERN HORSES WERE BROUGHT IN BY TRAIN TO SELL TO THE FARMERS IN THE SPRING BEFORE SPRING WORK STARTED. THESE HORSES HAD NEVER HAD A HAULTER OR COLDARON AND WERE SURE WILD ONES. I REMEMBER DAD BOUGHT ONE OF THESE HORSES. HE TIED IT TO THE SIDE OF ANOTHER HORSE AND LED IT HOME. IT BROKE OUT TO BE A REAL GENTLE HORSE AND WAS USED AS OUR BUGGY HORSE.

I REMEMBER MY DAD USED TO HAVE SEVERAL MILK COWS. ONE TIME WHEN HE WAS MILKING ONE ~~IT~~ KICKED HIM AND BROKE HIS NOSE.

THE YEARS HAVE ROLLED BY FAST FOR ME. AT THE AGE OF 21 I MARRIED A LITTLE GIRL, THAT WASN'T BIGGER THAN A MINUTE, AS DAD USE TO SAY. SHE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL HELP MATE. I REMEMBER WE DROVE A MODEE T-FORD ON OUR WEDDING TRIP TO RAPID CITY, MICHIGAN TO VISIT MY SISTER MINA AND HER HUSBAND PHILAMON SPATES, THAT WAS JUNE 14, 1923. THERE WERE NO HARD ROADS THEN AND THE ROADS WERE ROCK AND GRAVEL. THE NEXT YEAR I RENTED A SMALL FARM AND STARTED FARMING. AFTER BOTH OF US WORKING IN CHAMPAIGN FOUR YEARS.

I REMBER THE NEXT YEAR I RENTED ANOTHER 30 ACERS, THE NEXT YEAR I RENTED A 160 ACERS WITH NICE BUILDINGS WHITCH WE MOVED TO IN THE SPRING. THAT YEAR I BOUGHT MY FIRST TRACTOR IT WAS A I-H-C 10-20 AT A COST OF 695.00

I REMEMBER CORN WOULD YEILD ABOUT 40 BUSHELS PER ACER.

DAY

AS THE CORN WAS OPEN POLLINATED, TO THE SEED CORN IS HIBRED AND YEILDS OVER A HUNDRED BUSHELLS PER ACRE. THE U.S. WORLD YEILD PER ACRE IS 338 BUSHELLS PER ACRE.

I REMEMBER MY DAD USE TO LIKE TO FOX HUNT. HE AND A FRIEND WHO OWNED THE TELEPHONE CO. HAD SOME GOOD FOX HOUNDS. THEY WOULD TEAM UPTO GATHER AND GO FOR A FOX CHASE EVER SO OFTEN.

I REMEMBER WE WENT HOME TO VISIT ONE EVENING, DAD AND HIS FREIND WERE GOING TO GO FOX HUNTING SO I WENT ALONG TOO. THE DOGS JUMPED A FOX AND THE CHASE WAS ON, THOSE DOGS CHASED THAT FOX ALL NIGHT. THE FOX LED THE DOGS TO THE RIVER BOTTOM WHITCH WAS 15 MILES, WELL WE DIDNT GET BACK HOME UNTILL 8AM THE NEXT MORNING. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME THAT I HAVE EVER GONE FOX HUNTING.

I REMBER THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 30S WHEN CORN SOLD FOR A DIME A BUSHELL. NO ONE COULD PAY ANY THING ON A ~~LOAN~~ ^{LOAN}, THEIR FOR THE LONE CO. FOR CLOSED ON MOST OF THE FARMS. ^{LOAN} ^{LOAN} ^{LOAN}

I REMBER MY DAD LOOSING A GOOD FARM TO THE LONE CO.

I REMBER WHEN WE WANTED TO BUY A FARM, DAD THOUGHT I WAS CRASY. HIM JUST LOOSING A FARM HE DIDNT HAVE ANY DESIRE TO GO IN DEPT AGAIN

WE DID BUY A 200 ACRE FARM 6 MILES EAST OF RANTOUL, WE MOVED TO THIS FARM IN SPRING OF 1939

WE STARTED THE MARTIN TRAILER PARK, WHITCH IS THE OLDEST TRALER PARK IN THE CO. I

RAYMOND WE WERE NEVER FORTUNATE TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN OF OUR OWNE, BUT MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE PEARL HAD FOUR LITTLE ONES, SO WE TOOK MADONA AND J.D. JUST TO HELP THEM OUT FOF A WHILE, WELL THEY STAYED WITH UNTILL THEY WERE MARRIED.

I REMBER WHEN I BUILT A SMALL HOUSE FOR DAD AND MOM AND HOW HAPPY THEY WERE TO GET TO MOVE FROM TOWN TO THE FARM. THEY LIVED WITH US 15 YEARS BEFOR THEY PASSED A WAY.

WE ENJOYED THE TRAILER PARK, AS OVER 2600 THOUSAND PEOPLE WENT THROUGH THE TRAILER PARK IN THE 37 YEARS THAT WE WERE IN OPERATION.

WE RETIRED IN 1977 AND MOVED IN TO RANTOUL, WE HAVE A NICE WINDOW TO LOOK OUT AND WATCH THE BUSY WORLD GO BY.

THE LORD HAS BEEN AWFUL GOOD TO US OVER THE YEARS AND WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR IT. BUT BEING 76 YEARS OLD OUR FOOT STEPS ARENT AS SPRY AS THEY USE TO BE.

IM THANKFUL THAT ALL 7 OF US BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE STILL LIVING.

ALBERT R MARTIN
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J.D.



Madonna



ark, the Herald Angels Sing
"Glory to the new-born King"
Peace on Earth - that sweet refrain
Echo from the skies again.

Madonna, Liz, Timmy & Laurie





GRAMI SUE'S FAMILY





FRANCES & VERNON
EDWARDS

Frances Sweet Pennington
Chester Pennington

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Patricia Sue Pennington





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Kristin, Jake & Mac



Maquiere Jacob Mersberger



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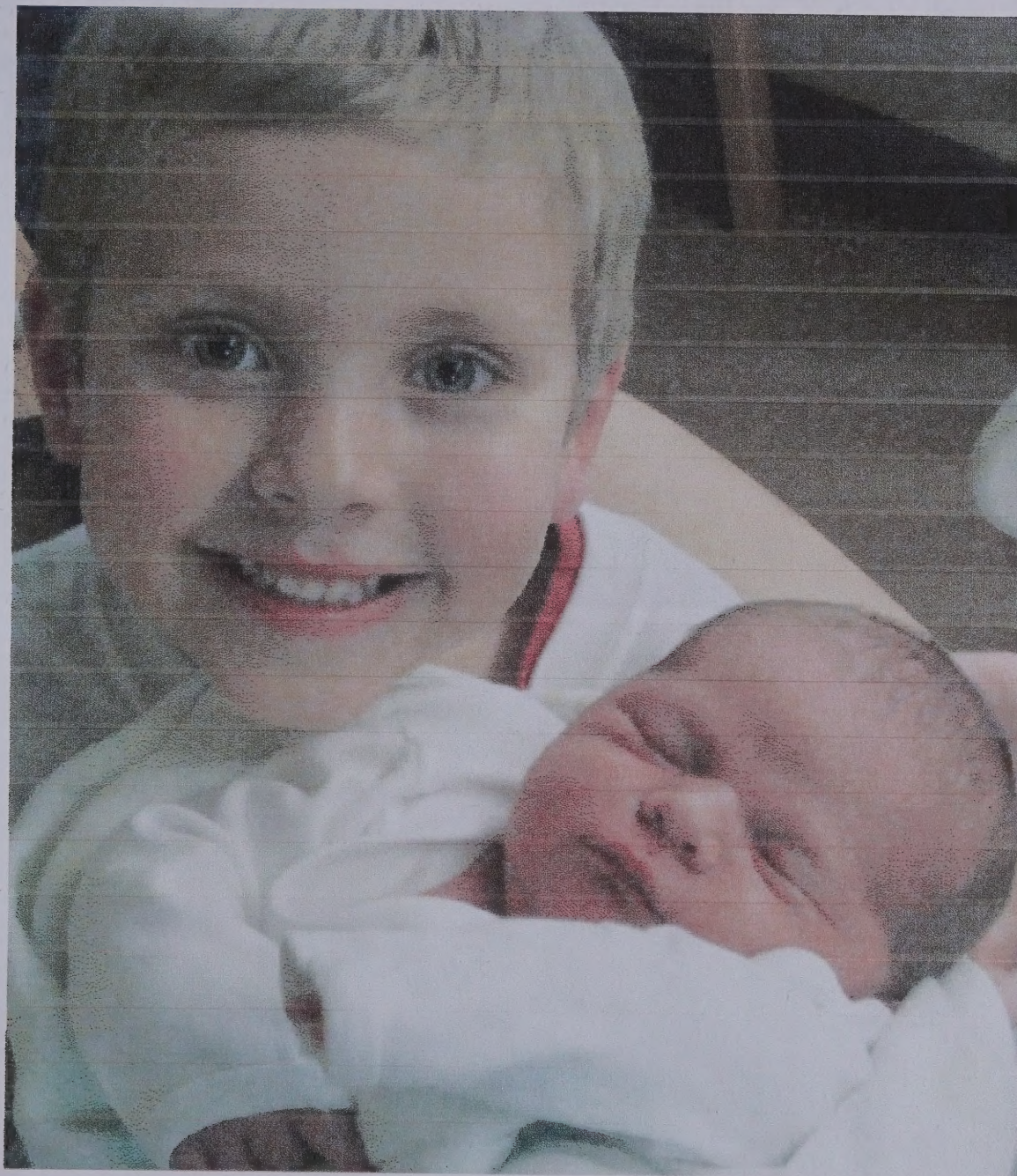
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Engagement

Shirley Hannaford

From: "Wisconsin Knezes" <knez@charter.net>
To: "Shirley Hannaford" <shanna1609@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2009 3:39 PM
Attach: smPicture 033.jpg; smPicture 055.jpg
Subject: It's a boy!

Ty Jacob Mersberger was born March 2 at 7:45 am, 8 lbs 13 oz, 18 inches long. (to daughter Kristin) It was quick—we got the call at 4 am and were enroute to Rochester when we got the call that Ty had arrived. She got to deliver naturally and no c-section! That was great! All is well, and we can hardly stay away!

Thought you'd like to see our new addition!



Macquie + Ty Jacob b. 3-2-09 Rochester, Minn.



